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## PARAGRAPHS CONCERNING MICHIGAN

(By Ed A. Nowack)

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 11.—The largest pile of logs ever assembled at one spot in Michigan in the state's history is said to be at Iron Mountain where the Ford interests are working wonders. The main log pile is one half mile long, twenty feet high and from five to seven log lengths deep. The logs do not all come from Ford holdings as they are bought from loggers and small timber holdings.

The Menominee river is the dividing line between Michigan and Wisconsin for 104 miles of its length.

An apartment house development with 20 units is to be undertaken in Highland Park, Detroit. This will be one of the largest apartment houses in the world.

Elberta, near Frankfort, is to have a \$50,000 plant for the handling of sand.

Ironwood, in the upper peninsula, will have to expend \$200,000 in civic improvements to meet the requirements of a third class city.

The name Ford goes on 2651,000 cars and trucks parts every day to fight against counterfeit. Eighteen skilled engravers are kept busy making dies for the stamping machines.

Up to November 1 Michigan auto factories produced 2,812,905 automobiles and 303,724 trucks. The month of March saw more cars turned out than any other month, 348,356 autos being made.

Standard Oil company carries 30,000,000 gallons of petroleum products in storage at its tank farm in River Rouge.

The Chapin iron mine, in the very heart of Iron Mountain, is the largest iron mine in the world. Its annual capacity is one million tons. It has put out about 25 millions of tons.

To relieve parking conditions for autos in downtown Detroit three garages—one now completed—are to be opened. They will be five, six and eight story buildings, with lobbies as luxurious as hotels. Fifteen hundred cars each is the capacity.

Federal bureau reports that Hamtramck, Michigan's Poland, situated in the heart of Detroit, has 76,710 population.

Michigan boasts 20 coffin and casket manufacturers. Federal census bureau reports that business is steady for this type of business.

January 7, 1925, is the last day on which the legislature can legally convene as provided for by the constitution.

The first business order to reach Detroit via the air mail route was just 52 1/2 hours from San Francisco.

One shipment from upper peninsula lake docks so far this season aggregate 14,827,127 tons; about two million less than 1923.

Of the 12,500 corporations in the state all but 600 have paid their current taxes.

Rural letter carriers are urging a six-cent mile expense account for use of autos. These carriers now are paid at the rate of \$1.800 per year for a 24 mile route, with \$30 additional for every mile over that.

Five out of every 1,000 persons in Michigan applying for auto drivers' licenses are refused because they cannot make their heads and feet work together. Sergeant Wesley Brown of the Detroit traffic bureau reports.

There is an eight foot fall in lake levels between Lake Huron and Lake Erie, according to Prof. Hoar of the University of Michigan.

## FIRST RETURN ON SEAL SALE FROM ARENA CO.

Manufacturers In Onaway Send In Checks For \$25 For Second Time.

The first return on the more than 65,000 Christmas Seals which went into the mails at midnight following Thanksgiving Day, came from Standish, Michigan, in Arenac county. The return was in the form of a check for the total number of seals enclosed and was signed by Sol Marks, proprietor of a dry goods and general furnishings store in Standish. Mr. Marks has always returned his personal check for the full number of Christmas seals mailed him.

At the same time, came two twenty five dollar checks from Onaway in Presque Isle county. These cash returns came from the Lobdell-Emery Manufacturing Co. and the American Wood Rim Co. "The coincidence is that both these firms are merely doing again this year what they did last year," said Miss Mary Mair, state seal director. "They believe in the work which the Michigan Tuberculosis Association is doing against tuberculosis and say so in the most effective way possible."

The demand for Christmas seals in Michigan was so great this year that the last minute the Michigan Tuberculosis Association was forced to send out an S. O. S. to other state associations, in the form of telegrams asking that every available surplus Christmas Seal be spared. These telegrams resulted in enough separate donations to make up the shortage of nearly 8,000,000 seals which existed.

"The work of keeping track of 65,000,000 seals, seeing that no duplications are made in all returns made and giving proper credit for all returns made and tending to the many details of this, the seventeenth annual seal sale, commenced in January and had its culmination in the holiday season of 1924. Penny Christmas seals wish everyone a healthy Christmas and do their best to see that folks are kept that way all year."

## PYTHIANS TO HOLD CHANCELLORS NIGHT

TO AWARD PAST CHANCELLOR JEWELS AND ELECT OFFICERS.

Portage Lodge, Knights of Pythias will hold a past chancellors night next week Wednesday evening, December 17th, at which time past chancellors jewels will be awarded those entitled to that honor. Also on that evening officers for the next year will be elected. Those to whom jewels will be presented are the following:

Frank C. Walton, Bay City.  
Holger Hanson.  
Carl Johnson.  
Thorwald P. Peterson.  
Emil Giegling.  
Geo. W. McCullough.  
A. J. Joseph.

All except the latter two served Portage lodge at some time as chancellors. Mr. McCullough and Mr. Joseph earned their jewels by having served for a period of five or more years in the offices of master of finance and keeper of records and seal respectively.

Another important feature of the meeting will be the elections of officers for the coming year. Nominations have been made as follows: Vice chancellors, Roy Milnes, Prelate, Clarence Brown, Master at Arms, P. G. Zalsman, Master of Finance, Herluf Sorenson.

Master of Exchequer, O. P. Schumacher.

The banquet committee announces that there will be a banquet in keeping with the importance of the evening. This is going to be a big night and a large attendance is expected.

## PEOPLE TO VOTE ON WATERWORKS

WOULD RAISE \$40,000 BY TAXATION.

An adjourned meeting of the Village council called for the purpose of considering the provision of waterworks for the village was held in the court house Monday evening. The meeting culminated with the passing of a resolution calling for a special election, asking the people to empower the Village council to raise the sum of \$40,000 by taxation to be spread over a period of two years for the purpose of constructing a new system of water-works and the election is called to be held on Tuesday, January 12, 1925.

There was a good attendance present at the meeting, consisting of all the members of the council except Mr. A. Atkinson, who was unable to be present, and a large number of citizens, and an open forum was held during which time everyone was given an opportunity to express themselves on the matter and many suggestions were made. After the discussions the above mentioned resolution was unanimously passed by the council.

Official notices of the election, embodying full particulars regarding the subject as announced by the council will be published in our next edition.

Plans for the new system were offered by a firm of engineers from Kalamazoo, and embrace a system that will assure adequate pumping facilities, pure water and water lines covering at least as much territory as the present system, and of eight and six inch iron pipes.

Messrs. A. Wright and Harry Milken of Cheboygan, executives of an electric service corporation, were present at the meeting and stated that they were hoping to buy out the local electric Company lines and, if that was accomplished, would operate an electric line to Grayling from Cheboygan. The local Electric company are planning additional power for their local plant and will, no doubt, soon be able to give Grayling all the electric service they may require.

## COUNTY RED CROSS NEWS.

The Christmas season is here again for the children are out selling Christmas seals. If any room sells \$4 worth they will win a book of health stories for their room. It is by Theresa Damsell and is very good. There have been quite a number of children ill with colds. This is the time of year to prevent them. Report them to the nurse the first day. Before that begin gargling with salt water. That won't hurt you any way. We are trying to see which room can make the best health record for any one month. There is a pretty banner for the room that is 100 per cent correct as to teeth. 100 per cent at will go far to make 100 percent attendance.

We are getting a lot of correction in Miss Jure's room. We think they are going to have a banner before Lovells township is doing its best to be the banner school in the county. The teacher wrote us this week that they had a box social that netted them \$72.76 which they are going to use for getting teeth repaired and give some to the Red Cross. Can any school beat that? Santa Claus ought to be good to those children for he usually helps those who help themselves.

The Beaver Creek Parent-Teachers association had a meeting last week at the Standard school. The children from both schools took part in the program and they gave a good one. After the exercises Mr. Payne was to have talked but it was impossible for him to come. The County Nurse gave a talk on some things we have to be thankful for. One thing is the science of science which enables us to prevent diphtheria now, instead of having it sweep all the children from a family, as it used to do in the days that we can remember. All children should be immunized, and the Beaver Creek children probably will be soon. There is also a preventive for scarlet fever that will soon be available for use. In the mean time let us protect the children from all the illnesses we can by early preventive care and by reporting every illness at once.

Let us not forget that plenty of vegetables and fruit and simple food and no candy between meals, ten hours sleep and all the fresh air we can get will help us to keep well. To let fresh air in especially while we are sleeping, costs less than to let the doctor in and he will tell you so. Open your windows while you sleep every night.

The South Branch Parent-Teachers association had a meeting, and a Christmas program last week which was very good. One little boy who last year had a bad speech defect and the teacher worked hard to correct spoke a piece and did it very well showing the results of the hard work of both teacher and pupil were successful. The nurse gave a report and after the meeting had visits with several of the parents.

Mrs. Gilson is home and busy with her Junior. She has some Christmas work for them to do.

All the children of the Grayling school have been weighed and measured, except the 1st grade and kindergarten. Work at the south side school will soon begin.

The giving of the typhoid toxin to the Beaver Creek township children began yesterday morning.

NOTICE.  
I will be at my home in Frederic Friday of each week during months of December and January to receive payment of taxes. C. S. BARBER, 12-4-3 Treas. Frederic Township.

## AIRPLANES TERRIFY WILD FOWL IN ILLEGAL HUNTING

The terrifying effect of airplanes upon wild fowl is so great that if any general use should be made of them in hunting the result would be exceedingly disastrous. Probably no other single method of pursuit of these birds could parallel their deadly effect in reducing the number of wild fowl. For this reason all sportsmen and conservationists interested in the maintenance of our supply should interest themselves in gathering and forwarding to the Bureau of Biological Survey of the United States Department of agriculture accurate information concerning such violations of the law. This cooperation will be of the greatest practical value in helping to protect our wild-fowl supply, and owing to the small number of wardens, who must cover a vast territory, is much needed.

Since the Federal law against airplane hunting became effective, 19 cases have been reported, 6 having been obtained during the past year. There have been 8 convictions in all and 8 cases remain undisposed of. In 2 cases true bills were not returned, and 1 case only was dismissed.

## WHEREAHKO RAWEL HERE DEC. 16TH

NEXT LYCEUM COURSE NUMBER PROMISES FINE ATTRACTION.

"Uncle Sam's Samoan Islanders, their arts, crafts, music and songs," is the title of a highly entertaining lecture-recital to be presented on the Lyceum course here Tuesday, December 16th by Whereahiko Rawel, native Polynesian raconteur.

Rawel is a gifted story teller, the friend of the late Robert Louis Stevenson and other noted men who served the cause of the South Pacific Islands. Stevenson wrote of him as follows: "Whereahiko Rawel is a Polynesian raconteur who fascinates one with witchery of his paintings."

In native costumes, and aided by tropical scenic background, Rawel presents most vividly the arts, craftsmanship, customs, beliefs and musical talents of the native Polynesians.

His recital is one of exceptionally diverting and fascinating entertainment value.

## FORMER OLD RESIDENT PASSED AWAY.

Mrs. Mary Vallad of Bath, Mich., a former old resident of Crawford county, passed away at the home of her daughter at Park Lake, on Dec. 4, after a brief illness.

Mary Burnor was born in Blissfield, Michigan, June 2, 1850. She was united in marriage to Peter Vallad, Feb. 15, 1881, and to the union five children were born, all of whom survive: Mrs. Louis Dumont and Oliver Vallad of Park Lake; Alfred Vallad of Owosso, Robert Vallad of Toledo and Albert Vallad of Frederic. Also she is survived by four stepchildren: Isadore Vallad of Standish; William Vallad of Marion and Mrs. Joseph Morency and Gilbert Vallad of this city, four sisters and one brother: Mrs. Sarah Darley of Adrian; Rosa Jacobs, Eliza Jacobs, Alice Burnor and Peter Burnor, all of Toledo; thirty-eight grand children and twenty-eight great grandchildren.

The funeral was held in Lansing, with services in St. Mary's church of that city. Interment was in Mt. Hope cemetery.

## W. B. A. O. T. M. HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTION.

The W. B. A. O. T. M. held their annual election of officers at the I. O. O. F. temple last Thursday evening for the ensuing year. The following were elected to fill the office named: Mrs. Altha Heric—Commander. Mrs. Laura McLeod, Lieut. Com. Mrs. Mabel Martin, Recording secretary.

Mrs. Nora Wheeler, Financial secretary. Mrs. Olive Willett—Lady-at-arms. Mrs. Emma Knibbs—Chaplain. Mrs. Anna Chalkers—Sergeant. Mrs. Hilda Newell—Past Com. Mrs. Hattie Moshier—Sentinel. Mrs. Angie Kirkendall—Picket.

## NOTICE.

There is an ordinance prohibiting the depositing of ashes, or rubbish of any kind in the streets, and the public have been cautioned again and again concerning this practice. Please take notice that hereafter any one violating this law will be prosecuted.

Charles Fehr, Street Commissioner.



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## NAVY MEN KILLED IN BOAT ACCIDENT

TWO KNOWN TO HAVE PERISHED IN FLAMES, SIXTEEN MISSING.

## EXPLOSION OCCURS MID-STREAM

Back Fire of Motor is Believed to Have Ignited Fuel Tank of Water Taxi.

San Pedro, Cal.—Sixteen enlisted men are missing from the dreadnaughts Tennessee and New Mexico, it has been officially announced aboard the U. S. S. California, flagship of the battle fleet.

Whether these men were passengers on the water taxi La Moyne which burned in the harbor here this week, had not been determined, but their absence was being investigated.

The explosion on the La Moyne occurred while the vessel was returning with a full load of passengers to the various ships of the battle fleet. It is known that the lives of two navy sailors were snuffed out and two civilians and several sailors were badly burned. The accident which occurred while the water taxi was in mid-channel, is believed to have been caused by a back fire which ignited the fuel tank. A sheet of flame poured in the faces of the 20 men nearest the engine-room.

A court of inquiry was ordered by Admiral H. S. Robinson, commander in chief of the battle fleet.

The La Moyne, one of the finest water taxis on the Pacific Coast, was privately owned and had been in service only a short time. She was operated by two civilians.

## MT. CLEMENS GRAFT PROBE ENDS

Four Men, Charged With Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice, Arrested.

Mt. Clemens, Mich.—Warrants, growing out of the grand jury investigation conducted here recently by Judge Leland W. Carr, of Lansing, have been issued and served on four of the most prominent men in Mt. Clemens and Macomb county, charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice and the administration of the law.

Those accused are: William F. Sawin, justice of the peace; Arthur I. Rosso, chief of police; Varnum J. Bowers, former mayor, and Lynn M. Johnston, former prosecuting attorney.

The warrants are based on the failure of the Mt. Clemens authorities to bring to justice men who operated a confidence game here and swindled Anton Mervich, a former Upper Peninsula miner, who came here to take the baths, out of \$10,000.

The accused men, who were arraigned before Judge William J. Duse, stood mute and their examination was set for Dec. 20. Bail was fixed at \$500 in each case, which was furnished.

## AMERICANS ESCAPE BANDITS

Evaded Chinese Brigands Who Sliced 48 Students and Teachers.

Hoboken, N. J.—Fathers Edmunds, Dominick, former rector of St. Michael's church here, and Mathias, and two nuns, Catholic missionaries, captured by bandits in China, escaped their captors, and are safe at Hankow, according to advices received at St. Michael's monastery here.

They were among the forty-eight Chinese teachers and students of Canton Christian college who were kidnapped last week on board a launch flying an American flag while going from Canton to the college.

Six bandits among the passengers of the launch overpowered the crew and after landing the captives sent the launch back to Canton with a foreign woman and several Chinese girls on board. The bandits then hurried inland with the kidnapped teachers and students.

## GENE STRATTON PORTER IS DEAD

Was Killed In An Auto-Street Car Accident In California.

Los Angeles—Gene Stratton Porter, author and naturalist, was killed here in an automobile accident last week.

The noted writer died as the result of injuries sustained when her automobile crashed into a street car. According to police reports, the accident, which occurred two blocks from Mrs. Porter's home, was unavoidable. Her chauffeur, drove behind an eastbound street car and did not notice a westbound car until he was directly in the path of it.

The chauffeur was unable to get his car across the tracks before the street car crashed into it. Mrs. Porter's skull was fractured.

German Invents Face Heater.  
Berlin—An electric face-heater for cold weather, has been invented by Lemuel Goontz, a Berlin mechanic. The apparatus takes the form of a hat that fits snugly on the head and down over the ears and chin. Heat is radiated through the device by electricity.

## LEGION TEAM WINS FIRST TWO

Last Friday night the American Legion Basket Ball team won from the Mancelona Independents 25 to 11 in a game that was marred with too much roughness.

This game marked the opening of the present season and it is to be regretted that the game was so rough. We hope to prove to our local fans next Saturday night, when we entertain the last Bay City "Y" team here that the local team was not entirely to blame for the numerous mix-ups which occurred during the game with Mancelona. Our reputation is not that we are a dirty bunch of players and we have always been able to schedule again any team that has ever played here, which goes to indicate that we have always given them a square deal.

The game started out fast and furious both teams playing very fast. Brown for Mancelona caged the first basket but Reynolds soon evened the count and E. Johnson put us in the lead with another neat basket. The half ending with Grayling leading 10 to 6.

In the preliminary High School girls won from the teachers 26 to 8. This game was very fast and interesting.

Summary:  
Mancelona, 11  
Clugg, R. F. Reynolds.  
Brown, L. F. Milnes (c).  
Rush, C. E. Johnson.  
Buden, L. G. C. Hanson.  
Nesette, (c) R. G. Burnham.

Score first half, Mancelona 6, Grayling 10. Final, Mancelona, 11, Grayling 25.

Field goals, Clugg 1, Brown 2, Rush 2, Reynolds 3, Milnes 1, Johnson 3, E. Brown 1, McPhee 1, Landsberg 1, A. Smith 2.

Free throws, Clugg 0 in 2; Rush 0 in 1; Nesette 1 in 1; Reynolds 1 in 2.

Substitutions: Chamberlin for Milnes, McPhee for Reynolds, E. Brown for Johnson, Smith for Chamberlin, Reynolds for Hanson; Landsberg for E. Brown, Milnes for Smith, Matson for Landsberg.

B. E. Smith referee.

Grayling made many substitutions during the game and by so doing failed to show up the real worth of many

of their men. The teamwork and short passes were lacking but practice will bring about the teamwork and we expect to show the fans a lot of it in the game Saturday night.

Brown and Rush were the leading scorers for the visitors with four points each. Reynolds lead the locals with seven points. E. Johnson was close behind with 3 field goals.

Tuesday night the American Legion Basket Ball team journeyed to Frederic and succeeded in defeating the Cardinals of that city.

In striking contrast to the games of former years the game was exceptionally clean and was well played throughout.

The score of 34 to 26 would lead one to believe that the game was uninteresting but it was not and everyone was on their toes all the time.

Landsberg and Brown were the stars of the evening but were ably assisted by the other members of the team.

The passing and fine teamwork was responsible for the high score hung up by the local cagers. McPhee, Burnham and Smith showed up very good at guard. Most of Frederic's baskets were made from long shots.

Tobin and Gilmore were the heavy scorers for Frederic and each played a very good game.

Summary:  
Grayling, 54, Frederic, 2.  
Reynolds, R. F. Tobin.  
Brown, L. F. Gilmore.  
Johnson, C. Turner.  
McPhee, L. G. Galsmore.  
Burnham, R. G. Galsmore.

Score first half, Grayling 25, Frederic 13. Final Grayling 54, Frederic 28.

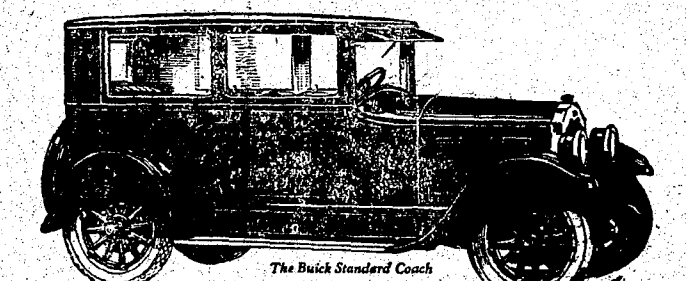
Field goals, Tobin 4, Gilmore 2, Turner 1, Burke 2, Callahan 1, Galsmore 2, Reynolds 6, Brown 4, Johnson 3, Landsberg 6, Burnham 1, McPhee 3, Milnes 1. Free throws, Grayling 8 in 12, Frederic 2 in 10.

Substitutions: Landsberg for Brown, Smith for Burnham, Milnes for Reynolds, Callahan for Gilmore, Burke for Turner.

Referee, G. E. Chamberlin.

## SOUTH BRANCH TAX NOTICE.

I will be at the Roscommon State Bank every Saturday through December, and on Jan. 8, 1925, if roads are passable for auto, to receive taxes: Will be at my home every Friday. (Signed) James F. Crane, Twp. Treas. 12-11-2



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## Michigan Happenings

A standardized reading examination for testing the abilities of children from the fourth to the eighth grades has just been completed and published by Professor V. Sangren, of the faculty of Western State Normal school, Kalamazoo, in collaboration with Dr. Clifford Woody, head of the research department of the school of education of the University of Michigan. The test is worked out to measure the child's ability to grasp word meaning and fact material, his rate of reading and comprehension of the total meaning.

The safe which was practically wrecked by burglars when they robbed the postoffice at Bad Axe, has been opened by mechanics and postal officials and \$20,000 in stamps and \$1,500 in cash were found intact. The burglars used an acetylene torch to open the outer door but their efforts to open the inner compartment with the torch clogged up the mechanism of the safe.

Further hearings on the petition of the Huron Portland Cement Co., for an order to compel the Detroit and Mackinac connecting roads to provide through rates on cement have been held before the Public Utilities Commission. It was asserted by the company that the roads have refused to give it a through rate comparable with that offered in competing territory.

Michigan Agricultural College seed experts claim to have established a new world record by sprouting seeds more than 150 years old. The seeds were dug from a peat bed in Manchuria. They apparently came from Manchurian water lily plants that bloomed between 150 and 400 years ago, and then were buried in the peat.

Opposition to promiscuous cutting of young evergreen trees for holiday use has been voiced by the Grand Rapids chapter of the Isaac Walton League. All members have been urged to discourage use of natural grown Christmas trees if any possibility exists that the cutting of such trees means depletion of forest growth.

Dr. Marjorie LeRoy Burton, president of the University of Michigan, is convalescing at his home at Ann Arbor after a protracted illness which at one stage threatened his life. His attendants say he has progressed favorably, but it is unlikely that he will be able to leave his sick bed for at least a month.

The 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Stefula, of Muskegon Heights died from burns received when his clothes caught fire. The mother left the child alone while she went to a meat market about a block and a half from the home, and when she returned her son was in flames.

Following consultations with Drain Commissioner Daniel F. Sullivan of Monroe, engineers employed by Henry Ford's D. T. & I. Railroad company are preparing plans for the construction of bridges over drains on the right of way and double tracking the line from Detroit to Maybee.

After her crew had been taken off by Car Ferry No. 6 of the Anna Arbor railroad, the steamer Lakeland, an automobile carrier owned by the Thompson Transit Co., of Detroit, which had sprung a leak, sank in 35 fathoms of water seven miles east of Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal.

Ralph Brown, a prison inmate who deserted his mates employed on one of the prison farms north of Jackson on August 21, is again in the state prison, having been returned from Columbus, O., where he was recently arrested and identified.

Because J. George Haarer, of Long Beach, Calif., claimed he was a resident of Michigan and procured a resident deer hunter's license, he paid a \$50 fine and \$3.60 costs and half of a deer was confiscated and turned over to the county boys.

Mrs. Kunigunda Haufo, 60, was seriously injured in an accident in which her buggy was demolished by a train near Saginaw. The woman was carried 500 feet on the cowcatcher of the locomotive before it could be brought to a stop.

Edward Rosema, 28 years old, was killed when a light delivery truck on which he was riding was demolished by a southbound Pennsylvania flyer at a crossing near Wayland, Allegan county, 19 miles south of Grand Rapids.

Contract has been let by the state for building the new federal aid road in Akron and Wisner townships of Tuscola county to John Ederer, of Saginaw. This road consists of 5.3 miles and will be an important link between Bay City and the northern part of the Thumb.

Marie, the 3-year-old daughter of John Henderson, of Cadillac is dead from injuries suffered when she tumbled into a tub of scalding water.

The Sault Ste. Marie Gas & Electric Co., valued at approximately \$260,000, was sold to the Gas Engineering Service, of Battle Creek, according to a telegram from James Trimble, vice-president of the local company.

An order has been issued by the Michigan public utilities commission holding that the exchange of stock carried out by the Consumers Power company in its refunding operations are taxable by the commission. The state's fee involves \$37,000.

Navigation is nearing a close in northern Lake Michigan and the following light houses have and will cease to operate after sunrise on the dates mentioned until the opening of navigation in the spring of 1925: Petoskey and Mission Point, December 1; St. Helena, White Shoals and Les Aux Galois, December 5; Squaw Island and South Fox Island, December 7; Harbor Point and Beaver Island, December 15, and Grand Traverse and North Manitou Island, December 17. It is probable the storm warning tower at this place will make no displays after December 15.

Prof. Nell H. Williams, of the physics department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, in co-operation with Dr. A. W. Hull, of the research laboratory of the General Electric company has been conducting experiments by which they have been able to listen to the movement of electrons, the smallest particles of matter, Mr. Hull, declared at a meeting of the American Physical society at Ann Arbor. They used a vacuum amplifier in which the amplification is carried to a hundred-thousand fold.

Finding a conspiracy to exist between certain unnamed persons to obstruct the proper administration of the law and to defeat justice, Circuit Court Judge Leland F. Carr of the Ingham court closed one phase of a one-man grand jury inquiry into law enforcement in Mt. Clemens with the filing of a report, which recommends immediate prosecution Judge Carr points out in his report that the prosecuting attorney of Macomb county is in a position to start immediate action.

Arthur W. Jewett, Jr., of Mason, was named international hay champion at Chicago at the sixth annual international hay and grain show. He has held the title for three consecutive years. L. H. Laylin, also of Mason, won the reserve championship, second honors. Jewett exhibited a bale of alfalfa hay, while Laylin won second with mixed hay, clover and timothy.

Ten million dollars is the goal of a new corporation organized to raise an endowment fund for the new national home of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, it was announced by Corey J. Spencer, treasurer, of Jackson. The home will be on the 472 acre farm near Eaton Rapids, presented to the organization by Spencer and Mattie Webb Spencer.

Port Huron and other cities in the St. Clair river district since December 1, are having coal shipped in at a freight rate 35 cents per ton lower than the existing rate. A recent ruling of the interstate commerce commission brought about the reduction. It is estimated that coal buyers in this city will save \$175,000 annually in freight rates.

Charles Beiglund, who shot and killed Herman Gahler, 24, while hunting deer several days ago near Iron Mountain, will be tried on a charge of manslaughter, it has been announced. Witnesses testified at the inquest that both men were in the open when Beiglund mistook Gahler for a deer and killed him.

Prof. F. W. Kelsey, head of the Near East Research for the University of Michigan, has returned to Ann Arbor following a year's successful operation in Asia Minor in which the expedition was unable to uncover a pillar of Augustus and also one of the early Christian churches in Antioch of Pisidia.

The recent business of the Ypsilanti postoffice has increased 100 per cent over the average for the last 10 years, according to statements by Fred Cain, assistant postmaster, at a meeting of the Rotary club.

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Masonic temple at Ypsilanti. The blaze broke out in rear of the lodge room on the third floor of the structure and spread to the library and roof.

A checkup by officials of T. B. Rayl & Co., hardware dealers, Detroit, has disclosed that the bandits who recently held up the watchman, obtained \$4,000 in cash and \$2,000 in Liberty bonds.

Miss Nellie I. Beebe, language teacher in the Petoskey high school, was elected head of the district teachers association at the annual meeting of the Fifth District held at Manistee.

W. Baldwin, Monroe attorney, was elected president of the Monroe County Bar Association. He succeeds Burton Parker, who died several weeks ago.

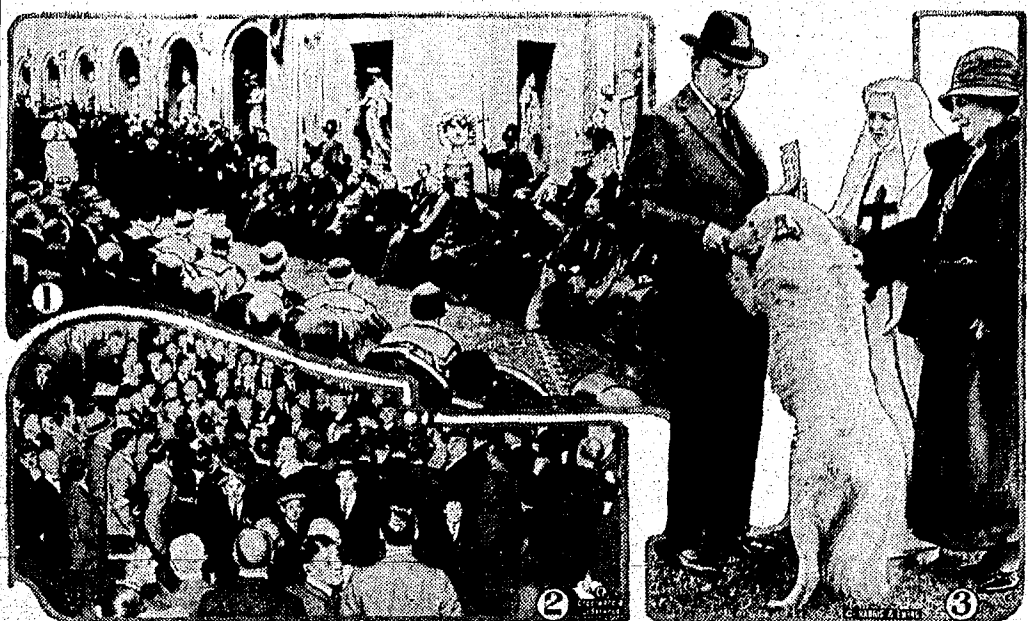
James Ashby, 60 years old, was injured fatally when an auto in which he was riding turned over four miles southwest of Jackson.

The first fatality attributed to sleeping sickness occurred in Menominee when Rudolph N. Nordfuit, 56 years old, a millwright for the J. W. Wells Co., died. He had been ill two weeks and in a profound sleep five days.

A 20 per cent reduction in lighting rates has been voluntarily offered by the Consumers Power Co. at Cadillac. This redeems a pledge made two years ago when the company was asking an increase in water rates.

Charles Husbner, 41 years old, of Saginaw, was instantly killed when his shotgun was accidentally discharged while he was hunting rabbits near Sanford, a village about 40 miles from Saginaw.

George W. Smith, 41 years old, Bay City, motorman on the Flint-bound interurban which crashed into a Saginaw-bound car on the Michigan railway at the bridge just beyond Frankenthum Junction, died without regaining consciousness.



1—Diplomatic corps in Rome received in private audience by the pope. 2—Scene on the Chicago Board of Trade when trading in cotton was started for the first time. 3—President Coolidge getting his supply of Christmas seals from Miss May O'Toole and Miss Emily P. Bissell.

## NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

### Outstanding Features of the President's Message—More Economy Urged.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S message to congress, which resumed its work on December 1, is characteristic of the man. It calls for greater economy in government expenditures; recommends the further reduction of taxes, but not until after the close of the present year when it will be seen whether congress has kept within the budget; holds out the hope that his agricultural commission will be able to submit in time for action at this session some legislative remedies for the difficulties of the American farmer; voices emphatically the administration's disapproval of the pending security protocol of the League of Nations which would permit Japan or any other nation to attack the United States because of immigration restrictions; and says his own plans for a disarmament conference must await the outcome of the league's proposal to hold such a conference in connection with the agreement on the protocol. In this connection he observes that he shall have nothing to do with the league's conference so long as the adoption of that protocol is contemplated.

In discussing naval policies the President says our aim always should be the maintenance of the navy at the strength allowed by the Washington agreement, but that we should not engage in competitive building. In this section of the message Japan is informed that her protests against our fleet maneuvers in the vicinity of Hawaii next spring will be entirely ignored. But the President adds:

"I want the armed forces of America to be considered by all peoples not as enemies but as friends, as the contribution which is made by this country for the maintenance of the peace and security of the world."

American membership in the world court, with reservations, is again recommended, but the message says the country is not disposed to join the League of Nations. The war debts owed us by foreign nations, it declares, should be paid, the debtors being granted reasonable terms.

Concerning the disposition of Muscle Shoals the President says:

"I should favor a sale of this property, or long-time lease, under rigid guarantees of commercial nitrogen production at reasonable prices for agricultural use. There would be a surplus of power for many years over any possibility of its application to a developing manufacture of nitrogen. It may be found advantageous to dispose of the right to surplus power separately with such reservations as will allow its gradual withdrawal and application to nitrogen manufacture."

The interstate commerce commission, declares the message, should be empowered to apply pressure eventually on the railroads to bring about consolidation of the roads into a few great systems. The machinery for settling railroad labor disputes can be improved, but the requirements of the situation would be ignored if the public be deprived of a voice to avert a suspension of transportation by strikes.

Leaders in congress, both Republican and Democratic, approved the suggestion of the President that further reduction of taxes should be postponed until after the end of this fiscal year. His statement that surtaxes should then be substantially reduced was concurred in by Representative Green of Iowa, chairman of the ways and means committee. This is significant, for Mr. Green was one of the Republicans who opposed surtax reduction in the last session. It may be congress as a whole will yet admit the wisdom and practicability of the Mellon tax plan.

President Coolidge did not present his message in person. Instead it was read by the clerks of the senate and house, as was long the custom before President Wilson's time.

### Portuguese Capital Is Victim of "Red Terror"

Lisbon.—Lisbon has been the scene of so many bomb outrages during the last two months that the ravages are altering the appearance of the central part of the city. In the principal streets there are ruined shops and blackened piles of stone marking the scene of each explosion. While neighboring buildings show shattered windows and caked walls.

It is all the work of Communists, and

BEFORE sending in his regular message, the President transmitted to congress the annual message, with comments thereon. The budget figures show an estimated surplus for the fiscal year 1925 of \$87,884,489 and for the fiscal year 1926 of \$378,743,714. The estimates appear to show the possibility of a tax reduction of considerably more than \$300,000,000 annually, effective in the next fiscal year, provided no new expenditures are incurred.

The estimates provide for more than \$100,000,000 for federal aid to states prescribed by law. Mr. Coolidge comments:

"I am convinced that the broadening of this field of activity is detrimental both to federal and state governments. Efficiency of federal operations is impaired as their scope is unduly enlarged. Efficiency of state governments is impaired as they relinquish and turn over to the federal government responsibilities which are rightly theirs. I am opposed to any extension of these subsidies. My conviction is they can be curtailed with benefit to both the federal and state governments."

SECRETARY OF WAR WEEK'S annual report was even more dismal, from the viewpoint of national defense, than that of the secretary of the navy. It shows that the United States is unprepared to repel invasion, not only of its outposts but even of the mainland. It reveals that the regular army is deficient in strength, provision for training of the citizen army is rudimentary, the air force is primitive and its planes obsolescent, and the defenses of the Panama canal, the Hawaiian Islands, and the coasts of continental United States are wholly inadequate.

POSTMASTER GENERAL NEW submitted to the senate an expert analysis of the costs of operating the postal service, in compliance with a resolution calling for information bearing on the proposed increase of salaries of postal employees. The report showed that a net loss of nearly \$400,000 was sustained by the government in this service during 1923. More than one half of the excess of gross expenditures over receipts was found to be chargeable against second-class mail, including newspapers and magazines. Only first-class mail and postal savings were operated at a profit.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE and Mrs. Coolidge, traveling in an ordinary sleeper, made a flying visit to Chicago to attend the International Live Stock exposition. They were in the city only about 12 hours, in which time the President, besides viewing the fine stock, made two brief addresses at a luncheon and a dinner. Mrs. Coolidge was entertained by prominent Chicago women, but accompanied her husband to the stock yards for the exposition.

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY MELLON announces an issue of 20 to 30-year 4 per cent government bonds. The treasury offers \$200,000,000 in the long-term securities, but will allot additional bonds to the amount that third Liberty bonds (4½%), treasury notes of series A-1925 and certificates of indebtedness, maturing March, 1925, are offered in payment. While the bonds are exempt from normal income taxation, only \$5,000 face amount are exempt from the graduated additional income tax, commonly known as surtaxes, and excess profits and war profits taxes. The bonds are subject to estate and inheritance taxes. They are exempt from state and local taxation.

THE recommendations of the President and the desires of many leading congressmen are followed, the income tax public utility clause in the tax law will be repealed. Meanwhile the test cases are going against the government. In Kansas City Federal Judge Heeves quashed the indictments against the editor and managing editor of the Kansas City Journal-Post, holding that the act, as construed by the government in prohibiting the publication of tax lists by newspapers, was in violation of the first amendment to the Constitution, which provides for freedom of the press.

Just at present the strikes of barbers and waiters afford them an excuse for this destruction.

The explosions occur almost nightly, and cafes, hotels and barber shops are the chief sufferers. Dynamite and nitroglycerin are used. The bombs are set off virtually under the eyes of the police. The criminals are seldom caught. Arrests by the police have brought retaliation in the form of assassinations, and as a result the officers of the law are apathetic.

The activity of these agitators does

PLUTARCO CALLES was inaugurated President of Mexico, and next day he received Samuel Gompers and a large number of delegates from the American Federation of Labor who journeyed to Mexico City to attend the ceremony. One result of this visit, according to prominent Mexican politicians, will be to give a death blow to socialism and radicalism in that country. The radical leaders there have been creating a lot of trouble, the Russian minister doing his share, but they are now entirely discredited and organized labor in Mexico is said to be determined to rid itself of the Communists.

ESTHONIA'S government, which recently suppressed an attempt to seize Reval by Communists sent from Russia, is trying and executing the Reds as fast as the field courts can work. The plotters expected to be supported by the workers, but the latter proved loyal and helped to rout the Reds. To handle the situation more effectively, General Laidoner was made military dictator. Investigation of the affair compromises the local Soviet delegation seriously.

The Estonian government received official assurances from Latvia and Poland that it would be supported by troops, if necessary, to combat Bolshevik aggressions. Both Latvia and Poland are increasing their garrisons along the Russian frontier. The Finnish government, the most conservative in northeastern Europe, is ready to offer help to Estonia, should the Bolsheviks take the offensive.

PREMIER ZIWAR PASHA and the Egyptian government have yielded to all Great Britain's demands consequent on the murder of Sirdar Suddut and Lord Allenby's forces have suppressed the mutiny of troops in the Sudan. So, for the present, the commotion in the land of the Nile is over. It is believed the stern measures taken by the British have paralyzed the group of malcontents in Cairo known as the "murder gang."

LEO KORETZ, the clever swindler who took about \$2,000,000 from his friends in Chicago months ago and then fled, and who was discovered recently in Nova Scotia, was brought back home, pleaded guilty and received a prison sentence. He seems to have spent all the money he obtained and his victims, none of them poor, appear not to be vindictive.

SOVIET Russia has gone back to "wetness." The council of people's commissars has issued a decree permitting the manufacture and sale of liquors and cognac up to a strength of 30 per cent alcohol, which is only 5 per cent below the pre-war strength. This step is taken to increase the public revenues and to stop the illicit sale of alcohol.

CITIZENS of Peking were much worried by the withdrawal of Marshal Chang's forces and the gradual entry into the city of the troops of General Feng. It was believed Chang retired to avoid an armed conflict with the "Christian general." Wu Peifu, still busy toward the south, is reported to have blown up the Hinkow-Peking railway bridge over the Yellow river, the longest bridge in China.

LEONID KRASSIN, the first ambassador of soviet Russia to France, arrived in Paris to take up his duties, and was given a noisy welcome by 5,000 Communists. Red flags were displayed and fiery speeches made and the "Internationale" was sung. One Communist deputy said: "The world revolution has at last reached Paris."

THE Federal Council of Churches met in Atlanta, Ga., for its quadrennial convention, with Dr. Robert E. Speer of New York presiding. The report of the general secretary said there has been an increasing movement on the part of the churches to work together and to do the things which they cannot accomplish working alone. The spiritual significance of the work of the federal council was stressed.

not end with bomb explosions. To them is attributed by the public a recent series of railroad accidents, including a derailment in which there were 40 casualties.

In spite of the fact that a Lisbon crowd nearly lynched two alleged Communists the other day, arrested for exploding a bomb, the people of this city have grown to accept these outrages. There are places where it rains every day, they say, others where thunderstorms are frequent; in Lisbon there are daily bomb outrages.

## MARKET REPORT

FURNISHED BY U. S. BUREAU OF MARKETS, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Hay market practically unchanged. Demand only slightly improved and trading slow. Timothy slightly easier. Alfalfa steady with demand balancing increased arrivals. Good quality prairie steady to firm.

Feed—Mill feed market stronger. Speculative interests largest buyers. Consuming trade holding off. Prices for wheat feed at Minneapolis advance about 1¢ per ton. Feed mixers bidding on January feed. Oil meals unchanged. Storage stocks and movement fair.

Butter—Butter markets firm. Very active movement of storage butter on account of scarcity of fresh. Production reports indicate slight increase. Foreign markets firm. No exports. Small quantity of butter previously shipped to England returned.

Grain—Grain market nervous but maintaining strength. Corn futures higher on good absorption cash offerings and on reports pointing to growing Argentine crop. Wheat futures practically steady with reports shorter Argentine crop off setting lower Liverpool prices. Oats about steady. Feeder and industrial taking offerings of corn.

Quotations—No. 1 dark northern, Minneapolis \$1.54@1.77. No. 2 red winter, Chicago \$1.61@1.72. St. Louis \$1.71. No. 2 hard winter, St. Louis \$1.54@1.56. No. 1 mixed corn, Chicago \$1.17@1.18. No. 2 mixed corn, Chicago \$1.16@1.17. No. 3 yellow corn, Chicago \$1.15@1.16. No. 4 yellow corn, Chicago \$1.14@1.15. No. 1 white oats, Chicago \$1.15@1.16. No. 2 white oats, Chicago \$1.14@1.15. No. 3 white oats, Chicago \$1.13@1.14. No. 4 white oats, Chicago \$1.12@1.13.

Fruits and Vegetables—Potato markets steady to firm. New York \$1.15 per 100 pounds in leading markets. \$0.85@1.00. b. Rochester. Wisconsin sacked round whites, country quality, \$0.95@1.00. carlot sales at Chicago, 10/75@11/00. b. Vaupesa. Onions, generally stronger though steady in a few markets. Midwestern yellows \$1.50@2.00. In Chicago and Pittsburgh, \$2.25@2.75. In other leading markets, \$1.50@1.80. f. c. West Michigan points. Cabbage unsettled. New York Danish type \$17@23 per ton in eastern cities; \$12@14 f. c. Eastern. Northern Danish type \$25@25 in Chicago; \$16@18 f. c. b. Kenosha, Wisconsin. Eastern Yorks, imported apples slightly stronger at \$1.75@2.50 per barrel. New York Baldwins sold at \$0.65@0.80 and Illinois Jonathans at \$1.50@1.75 in the Chicago market. Northwestern fancy Stayman Winesaps \$2.50@2.75 per box in eastern cities.

Live Stock and Meats—Chicago hog prices ranged from 15c to 17c higher, at \$9.55 per the top, and \$8.75@9.40 for the bulk. Medium and good beef steers 10c to 20c higher, at \$12.50; butcher cows and heifers 15c lower to 50c higher, at \$14.00@17.75; feeder steers steady at \$14.00@17.75; light and medium weight veal calves 50c higher at \$13.50@17.75.

In eastern wholesale fresh meat markets beef is 50c to \$1.50 higher; veal steady to \$2 higher, lamb \$1 to \$2 higher; mutton steady to \$2 lower and pork loins 50c to \$2 lower.

Prices good grade meats: Beef \$13.50@18; veal \$14@17; lamb \$12@16; mutton \$12@15; light pork loins \$15@17; heavy pork loins \$12@15.

East Buffalo Live Stock—EAST BUFFALO—Cattle: Slow. Hogs: Lower, heavy, \$10.15; mixed, \$8.75; Yorkers, \$9.50@9.75; pigs and lights, \$6.50@8.75. Steady: 100 lb. hams, \$15.00; yearlings, \$11@12.50; wethers, \$8.50@9; ewes, \$7.50@8.50. Calves, \$12.50.

DETROIT QUOTATIONS—Live Stock—CATTLE—Good to choice light yearlings (dry fed), \$2.50@3.75; best heavy yearlings (dry fed), \$3.75@5.00; best heavy weight butcher steers, \$2.50@3.75; mixed steers and heifers, \$2.50@3.75; handy light butchers, \$2.50@3.75; best cows, \$2.50@3.75; canners, \$2.50@3.75; choice light butchers, \$2.50@3.75; best cows, \$2.50@3.75; stock bulls, \$2.50@3.75; feeders, \$2.50@3.75; stock cows, \$2.50@3.75.

CATTLE—Best grades, \$12@12.50; fair to good, \$9@11.50; culls and common, \$5@8.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Best lambs, \$11.50@12.50; fair lambs, \$11@11.50; light to common lambs, \$9@10.50; buck lambs, \$7.50@9.50; fair to good ewes, \$6.50@7.50; culls and common, \$5@7.

HOGS—Mixed hogs, \$8.25; pigs, \$6.50; roughs, \$5; light Yorkers, \$7.50; stags, \$3@5.

LIVE POULTRY—Spring chickens, fancy, 4½ to 5½ lbs., 22¢; medium chickens, 21¢; 2½ lbs., 18¢; best hens, 5 lbs., 18¢; medium hens, 20¢; 2½ lbs., 16¢; small and small, old roosters, 16¢; geese, 18¢; ducks, large white, 20¢; 2½ lbs., 18¢; small dark, 19¢; best turkeys, 30¢ per lb.; No. 2 turkeys, 25¢; old toms, 25¢; 2½ lbs. per lb.

GRAIN—WHEAT—Cash No. 1 red, \$1.64; No. 2 red, \$1.63; No. 3 red, \$1.60; No. 1 white, \$1.61; No. 2 white, \$1.59; No. 3 white, \$1.57. No. 1 mixed, \$1.62; No. 2 mixed, \$1.60; No. 3 mixed, \$1.58. No. 1 yellow corn, \$1.17; No. 2 yellow corn, \$1.16; No. 3 yellow corn, \$1.15; No. 4 yellow corn, \$1.14. No. 1 white oats, \$1.15; No. 2 white oats, \$1.14; No. 3 white oats, \$1.13; No. 4 white oats, \$1.12. No. 1 barley, \$1.15; No. 2 barley, \$1.14; No. 3 barley, \$1.13; No. 4 barley, \$1.12. No. 1 rye, \$1.15; No. 2 rye, \$1.14; No. 3 rye, \$1.13; No. 4 rye, \$1.12. No. 1 clover mixed, \$15@18; No. 1 clover, \$15; No. 2 clover, \$14; No. 3 clover, \$13; No. 4 clover, \$12. No. 1 alfalfa, \$15@18; No. 2 alfalfa, \$14; No. 3 alfalfa, \$13; No. 4 alfalfa, \$12. No. 1 timothy, \$15@18; No. 2 timothy, \$14; No. 3 timothy, \$13; No. 4 timothy, \$12. No. 1 sorghum, \$15@18; No. 2 sorghum, \$14; No. 3 sorghum, \$13; No. 4 sorghum, \$12. No. 1 millet, \$15@18; No. 2 millet, \$14; No. 3 millet, \$13; No. 4 millet, \$12. No. 1 buckwheat, \$15@18; No. 2 buckwheat, \$14; No. 3 buckwheat, \$13; No. 4 buckwheat, \$12. No. 1 flax, \$15@18; No. 2 flax, \$14; No. 3 flax, \$13; No. 4 flax, \$12. No. 1 hemp, \$15@18; No. 2 hemp, \$14; No. 3 hemp, \$13; No. 4 hemp, \$12. No. 1 cottonseed, \$15@18; No. 2 cottonseed, \$14; No. 3 cottonseed, \$13; No. 4 cottonseed, \$12. No. 1 linseed, \$15@18; No. 2 linseed, \$14; No. 3 linseed, \$13; No. 4 linseed, \$12. No. 1 sunflower, \$15@18; No. 2 sunflower, \$14; No. 3 sunflower, \$13; No. 4 sunflower, \$12. No. 1 safflower, \$15@18; No. 2 safflower, \$14; No. 3 safflower, \$13; No. 4 safflower, \$12. No. 1 soybean, \$15@18; No. 2 soybean, \$14; No. 3 soybean, \$13; No. 4 soybean, \$12. No. 1 peanut, \$15@18; No. 2 peanut, \$14; No. 3 peanut, \$13; No. 4 peanut, \$12. No. 1 sesame, \$15@18; No. 2 sesame, \$14; No. 3 sesame, \$13; No. 4 sesame, \$12. No. 1 castor, \$15@18; No. 2 castor, \$14; No. 3 castor, \$13; No. 4 castor, \$12. No. 1 cotton, \$15@18; No. 2 cotton, \$14; No. 3 cotton, \$13; No. 4 cotton, \$12. No. 1 wool, \$15@18; No. 2 wool, \$14; No. 3 wool, \$13; No. 4 wool, \$12. No. 1 silk, \$15@18; No. 2 silk, \$14; No. 3 silk, \$13; No. 4 silk, \$12. No. 1 flaxseed, \$15@18; No. 2 flaxseed, \$14; No. 3 flaxseed, \$13; No. 4 flaxseed, \$12. No. 1 rapeseed, \$15@18; No. 2 rapeseed, \$14; No. 3 rapeseed, \$13; No. 4 rapeseed, \$12. No. 1 sunflowerseed, \$15@18; No. 2 sunflowerseed, \$14; No. 3 sunflowerseed, \$13; No. 4 sunflowerseed, \$12. No. 1 safflowerseed, \$15@18; No. 2 safflowerseed, \$14; No. 3 safflowerseed, \$13; No. 4 safflowerseed, \$12. No. 1 soybean meal, \$15@18; No. 2 soybean meal, \$14; No. 3 soybean meal, \$13; No. 4 soybean meal, \$12. No. 1 peanut meal, \$15@18; No. 2 peanut meal, \$14; No. 3 peanut meal, \$13; No. 4 peanut meal, \$12. No. 1 sesame meal, \$15@18; No. 2 sesame meal, \$14; No. 3 sesame meal, \$13; No. 4 sesame meal, \$12. No. 1 castor meal, \$15@18; No. 2 castor meal, \$14; No. 3 castor meal, \$13; No. 4 castor meal, \$12. No. 1 cotton meal, \$15@18; No. 2 cotton meal, \$14; No. 3 cotton meal, \$13; No. 4 cotton meal, \$12. No. 1 wool meal, \$15@18; No. 2 wool meal, \$14; No. 3 wool meal, \$13; No. 4 wool meal, \$12. No. 1 silk meal, \$15@18; No. 2 silk meal, \$14; No. 3 silk meal, \$13; No. 4 silk meal, \$12. No. 1 flax meal, \$15@18; No. 2 flax meal, \$14; No. 3 flax meal, \$13; No. 4 flax meal, \$12. No. 1 hemp meal, \$15@18; No. 2 hemp meal, \$14; No. 3 hemp meal, \$13; No. 4 hemp meal, \$12. No. 1 cottonseed meal, \$15@18; No. 2 cottonseed meal, \$14; No. 3 cottonseed meal, \$13; No. 4 cottonseed meal, \$12. No. 1 linseed meal, \$15@18; No. 2 linseed meal, \$14; No. 3 linseed meal, \$13; No. 4 linseed meal, \$12. No. 1 sunflower meal, \$15@18; No. 2 sunflower meal, \$14; No. 3 sunflower meal, \$13; No. 4 sunflower meal, \$12. No. 1 safflower meal, \$15@18; No. 2 safflower meal, \$14; No. 3 safflower meal, \$13; No. 4 safflower meal, \$12. No. 1 soybean oil, \$15@18; No. 2 soybean oil, \$14; No. 3 soybean oil, \$13; No. 4 soybean oil, \$12. No. 1 peanut oil, \$15@18; No. 2 peanut oil, \$14; No. 3 peanut oil, \$13; No. 4 peanut oil, \$12. No. 1 sesame oil, \$15@18; No. 2 sesame oil, \$14; No. 3 sesame oil, \$13; No. 4 sesame oil, \$12. No. 1 castor oil, \$15@18; No. 2 castor oil, \$14; No. 3 castor oil, \$13; No. 4 castor oil, \$12. No. 1 cotton oil, \$15@18; No. 2 cotton oil, \$14; No. 3 cotton oil, \$13; No. 4 cotton oil, \$12. No. 1 wool oil, \$15@18; No. 2 wool oil, \$14; No. 3 wool oil, \$13; No. 4 wool oil, \$12. No. 1 silk oil, \$15@18; No. 2 silk oil, \$14; No. 3 silk oil, \$13; No. 4 silk oil, \$12. No. 1 flax oil, \$15@18; No. 2 flax oil, \$14; No. 3 flax oil, \$13; No. 4 flax oil, \$12. No. 1 hemp oil, \$15@18; No. 2 hemp oil, \$14; No.



# Christianity Christmas Bible

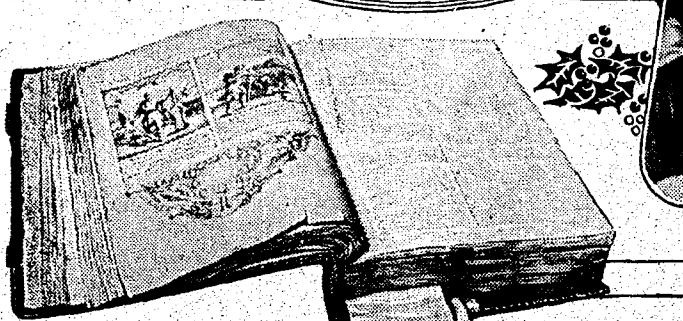


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By JOHN DICKINSON SHERMAN

IT WAS a long time ago—nearly 20 centuries—that Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea. But it was so wonderful a thing that the world changed its calendar to reckon time from that first Christmas day, which gave man a fresh start and a new ideal to work for. And now, Anno Domini 1924, that Bethlehem manger is still the source of man's inspiration and spiritual power, still the center of the world's interest and affection.

Christianity—as represented by the churches and the sects—seem to be at war with itself. Fundamentalists and Modernists debate fiercely, one with the other. The church is accused of inefficiency. The authority of the Bible is denied. There are those who predict the decline and fall of Christianity.

Nevertheless, make no mistake about this: Christianity is still the driving power of the world. No man can live near it and fall to take an attitude toward it. It aims at peace, but to bring about that peace it must triumph. The human race on this earth must either extirpate it or accept and practice it—if it wants peace. And the central fact of Christianity is Jesus Christ—his life and person. If experience teaches anything, it teaches that man wants goodness, gropes after higher things and prays for redemption. This is human nature. And until human nature changes, and man ceases to believe in goodness and yearns not for salvation, Christianity is his hope and refuge.

This is the truth all men know at Christmas. Then their hearts soften with love toward home and children and neighbor—and "to men of good will" everywhere.

This means that social reform must come from within. It cannot be forced by law.

The government of a country never gets ahead of the religion of the country. There is no way by which we can substitute the authority of law for the virtue of man. Of course, we can help to restrain the vicious and maintain a fair degree of security and protection by legislation and police control, but the real reforms which society in these days is seeking will come as a result of our religious convictions, or they will not come at all. Peace, justice, humanity, charity—these cannot be legislated into being. They are the result of a Divine Grace.

So said President Coolidge in a recent public address. Forget the authority of his office; remember that Calvin Coolidge, the man, has won a high place as a student of American life and institutions. This American government is founded on religion, as

President Coolidge said elsewhere in his address. Conversely, loss of faith in a religion that teaches liberty, justice, humanity, charity means ultimately loss of faith in the American government.

The head of Jesus given herewith is at once a delight to the eye and a joy to the heart. It looks as one imagines the young Jesus did look. The painter's brush, the graver's tool and the sculptor's chisel have been busy through the centuries with reproductions of Jesus. Yet in all the world is there a likeness of Him with any credible claim to authenticity? One thinks not. But there is a word-picture of an older Jesus that pleases. It is attributed by tradition to Publius Lentulus, who is said to have been a Roman centurion in Palestine during His lifetime. Here are the legendary words of the Roman captain:

"There has appeared in this, our day, a man of great virtue, named Jesus Christ, who is yet living amongst us, and with the Gentiles is accepted as a prophet of truth, but His own disciples call Him the Son of God. He raiseth the dead and cureth all manner of diseases; a man of stature somewhat tall and comely, with a very reverent countenance; such as the beholder may both love and fear; His hair is of the color of a flax, full ripe, and plain down to His ears, but from His ears downward somewhat curled, and more orient of color, waving about His shoulders. In the midst of His head goeth a seam or partition of hair, after the manner of the Nazarenes; His forehead very smooth and plain; His face, nose and mouth so framed as nothing can be reprehended; His beard somewhat thick, agreeable to the hair of His head for color, not of any great length, but forked in the middle; of an innocent and mature look; His eyes gray, clear and quick.

In removing His hair, He is terrible; in adorning it, He is courteous and fair spoken; pleasant in speech, amidst gravity. It cannot be remembered that any have seen Him laugh, but many have seen Him weep.

In proportion of body, well shaped and straight; His hands and arms most beautiful to behold; in speaking very temperate, modest and wise; a man of singular virtue, surpassing the children of men.

As to the Bible, there are those who hold to Christianity—at least in theory—but profess scant faith in the Book of Books. This seems foolish, if it is admitted that Christianity is the true religion and that Christ Jesus is its central fact. For the Bible is the book that contains His life and teachings. The noble Bible pictured here is the one on which George Washington and Warren G. Harding took the oath of office. Did they not honor themselves by taking oath on the Book of Books? To reject the Bible and to be ignorant of its contents is to be deprived of the greatest source of inspiration and moral strength in all the world. There may be other inspired

books, but the Bible is the greatest book of religion this world has ever seen.

One grieves to see the rising generation so ignorant of the Bible. For, its religion aside, no young American can afford to be ignorant of it. To be ignorant of the Bible is to be unable to understand much of the best in English literature. The student of today can have no understanding of the majesty of the English tongue without knowledge of the Bible. Ignorant of it, he is unable to appreciate much of the best in the art and music of the world.

While it is doubtless true that Young America is growing up in woeful ignorance of the Bible, the rest of the world is reading the Book of Books as never before. The printing presses cannot keep up

with the demand. An Italian paid \$250,000 recently for a famous Bible in order to restore it to his country. A New Yorker the other day paid more than \$50,000 for a copy of the "Mazarin" Gutenberg Bible. One cent a copy is the price of an edition that is being printed by the millions by the American Bible society.

In eight years more than 240,000,000 Bibles have been sold. The Bible has been translated into 770 languages; there are possibly 1,000 in the world. Bible salesmen are called colporteurs (burden-bearers) because they carry their Bibles with them, often on their backs. They are the best salesmen in the world because they are enthusiasts and ask only a fair price. Few of them are paid as much as \$100 a month and many of them could earn more at something else. One Chicago colporteur sold Bibles in nine languages, all of which he read and spoke, for \$70 a month. The American Bible society has 90 colporteurs and nearly 700 part-time colporteurs in various parts of the United States. It has sold more than 150,000 Bibles in 175 languages.

Christmas means to us the anniversary of the birth of the Christ Child. The beautiful story of His coming makes Christmas the most sacred of all days in the year. It is a season of common sympathy and good will to all men, of love, charity and the other best impulses of the human heart.

## A CAROL OF THE STAR

By MARGARET WIDDEMER

White Star, shining all across the sky, Do the shepherds follow still as you pass by?

"Yes, the simple shepherds go still where I guide."

If thou hast a simple heart, thou, too, shalt walk beside!"

White Star, gleaming over lands afar, Do the Wise Men ride still where your shadows are?

"Yes, the Wise Men travel where my long ray lies—Thou mayst bring thy gold as they, if thou, too, wouldst be wise!"

White Star, lighting all the clouds on high, Do the angels sing yet, spread across the sky?

"Yes, the angels hover, singing as of old—Lift thy heart away from earth and touch their wings of gold!"

White Star, guiding down a slinging wind, Is there still a Stable that poor men may find?

"Yes, the Stable waiteth, low and wide of door—Stoop thine head in humbleness and find its myrrh-laid floor!"

White Star, standing yonder overhead, Is the Christ-child lying still beneath His shed?

"Yes, the Christ-child waits His own, pure of heart and mild—Whoso loves as Jesus loved hath found the Holy Child!"

—The Delineator.

would love the really foreign things. They would be so pleased.

She delivered her gifts. "I suppose," said one, "you picked up this perfume for next to nothing in Paris. I've been told it was so cheap." She had paid a great deal for that perfume.

"Woolen," said another, upon receiving her gift, "is next to nothing abroad, I've been told." And yet the woolen stockings had cost five dollars, the shawl had cost ten, and the scarf fifteen.

"But," they all agreed, as they

waved aside her presents she had worked so hard to secure, "no matter what little gifts you bring, it is the thought that counts."

How little they knew how much those thoughts of hers had been—and how little they knew that another time she wouldn't "think" at all if abroad. She knew now why there was a buy-at-home campaign. It was so much the better way from every standpoint—and then Christmas gifts were considered more than thoughts!

—Mary Graham Bonner.

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## Christmas Sleighing in Days of Long Ago

OF COURSE the children had a sleigh ride during the holidays.

But more and more as their parents talked over what they would give the children when they came home from the sleigh ride, more and more as they planned the good hot supper, they thought about the sleigh rides there had been when they were young.

What sleigh rides those had been! What fun! What a nice thing it was

that now the children could enjoy these sleigh rides.

And yet—and yet—why not?

They talked it over with each other and then with the neighbors. Then it was decided upon.

And the grown-ups, too, had a sleigh ride during the Christmas holidays just as they had when they were young. Afterward there was a hot supper and then there were games.

Why put aside a sleigh-ride party when one's spirit is the same?

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## MAKING GOOD IN A SMALL TOWN

Real Stories About Real Girls

By MRS. HARLAND H. ALLEN

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### THE GIRL WHO LIKES CHILDREN

ABOUT the only stock-in-trade a girl needs for the job of "nursery," is a sunny disposition and a natural love of children.

Whether it is conducting a kindergarten, a playground, a day nursery for babies, or a story hour for older children, the work is little more than fascinating play—for the girl who likes children. One girl, who does, says she has made a comfortable sum, simply on the side, by being "story lady" to groups of children on Saturday afternoons.

"You see, I teach school during the week," she explained to me. "So my Saturdays are free, and I can easily spare the afternoon for the story hour. 'My children' meet in the Sunday School rooms at the church; but any girl who wants to be 'story lady' could just as well have the children come to her home; or she might be able to have them meet in a room at the public library."

For the problem of the small-town girl-who-likes-children, and who is looking only for part-time work, or for a "side-line" to her regular job, the story hour is an excellent solution. She needs no monetary capital, but she should have the ability to speak and read distinctly and with a sympathetic inflection. The sessions should be about fifty minutes. The story lady should either tell the stories outright, or should read only ones with which she is sufficiently familiar that she is not "chained to the book."

For the girl or woman who wants, rather, a full-time job at "nursery," one possibility is the day nursery. She will find her customers among working mothers who have been leaving their smaller children under the care of others really too young to assume the responsibility, or in the charge of old women unequal to the work. She should fit up a room or two in her home where these mothers can leave their children for the day.

Or, a girl might run a home for orphans, in the capacity of a kind of professional mother. In one instance where this was done, the State Board of Guardians gave its co-operation, paying the woman in charge a stated sum for each child.

Taking children into one's home in the summer time, when parents want to go for a trip together, should prove paying. Outing clubs, through which children may take a series of hikes under the supervision of a capable person who has a love of nature and a knowledge of science, are desirable. Planning children's parties is remunerative work.

Then, there are the home playground and the home kindergarten. Both of these, however, require a great deal of equipment and are not to be recommended unless the girl is very sure that she will continue in the work for some time.

### RAG DOLLS ARE "ALL THE RAGE"

AND NOW comes a good word for the much-maligned rag doll. It has become fashionable. Here lies an opportunity for the home-town girl who has often made black "Topsy" out of old stockings for neighborhood children.

"Up-to-date mothers no longer urge their children to give up the soft and huggable rag doll to which they so stubbornly cling, and to adopt, instead, a painted-face china baby," says one bright girl who has been making "extra money" with rag dolls. "The rag doll of today is too pretty, or funny, or clever, for either mother or children to resist. Since these dolls cannot be broken, their acceptance as a childhood institution not only saves many a heartache which might have come with the breaking of a beloved china baby, but the price of new dolls as well."

The "rag babies" this girl makes are altogether "different" and charming. She uses every scrap of one pair of stockings for each doll, and she insists that, for commercial purposes, clean, new stockings should be used. The would-be rag doll maker, if she is sure she will use quantities of the socks, should buy them whole sale. She sews up a body out of a sock and stuffs it with cotton. The heel of the stocking forms the face, cotton is inserted at the back of the head, and the hole afterwards drawn together, with a cap covering it.

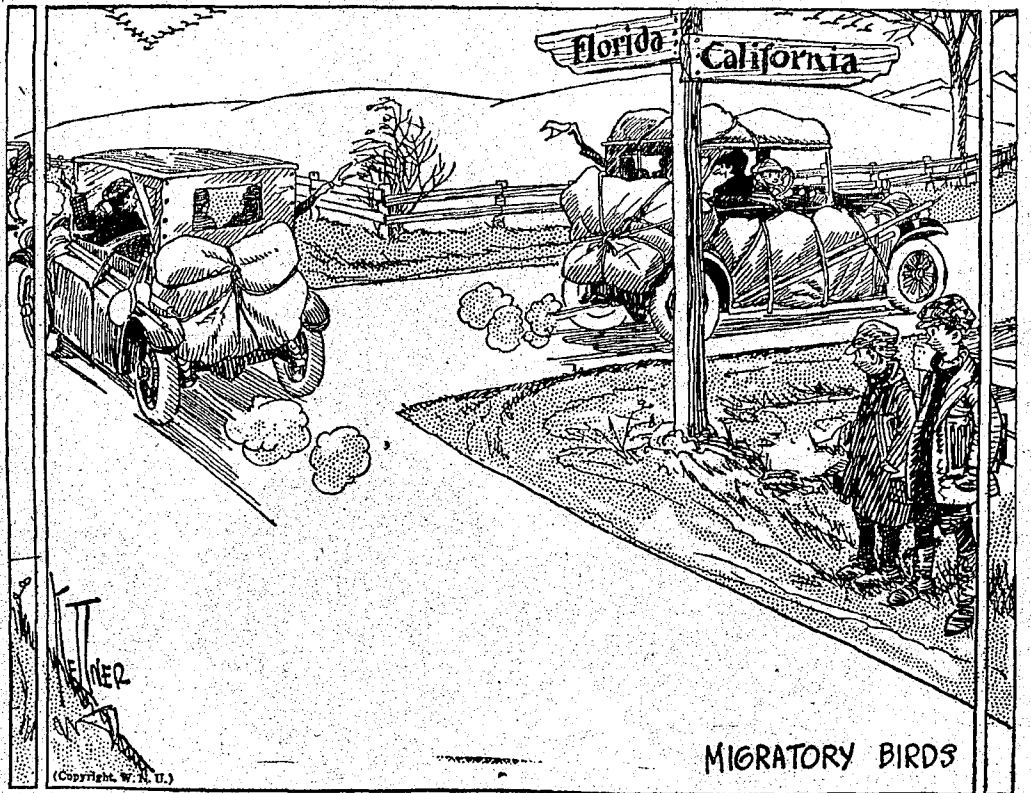
The sweater, made of another sock, is then slipped on, rolled up around the bottom. The heel attached to this second sock goes right over that of the first one, forming the face. For the cap, the doll-maker uses a bit of material left from the second sock, letting the narrow finish at the top form the bottom of the cap. At first, it will take her about three-quarters of an hour to make a doll. She will probably want to charge from about seventy-five cents to a dollar and a half each one. In the beginning, she may sell the dolls to a department store, or leave them to be displayed in the windows and sold on commission. After she gets a start, however, she will be able to sell the "doll babies" right from her own home.

A question which confronts many hog feeders is whether they should dry-feed or slop the brood sows. The tendency has been to get away from slopping, yet in sections where skim milk is available, slopping is adhered to with very satisfactory results.

As a rule June grass makes fine sheep pasture for about a month, but as dry weather comes on it becomes less palatable and nutritious. It is weak and watery early in the season, and tough and unpalatable after hot weather sets in.

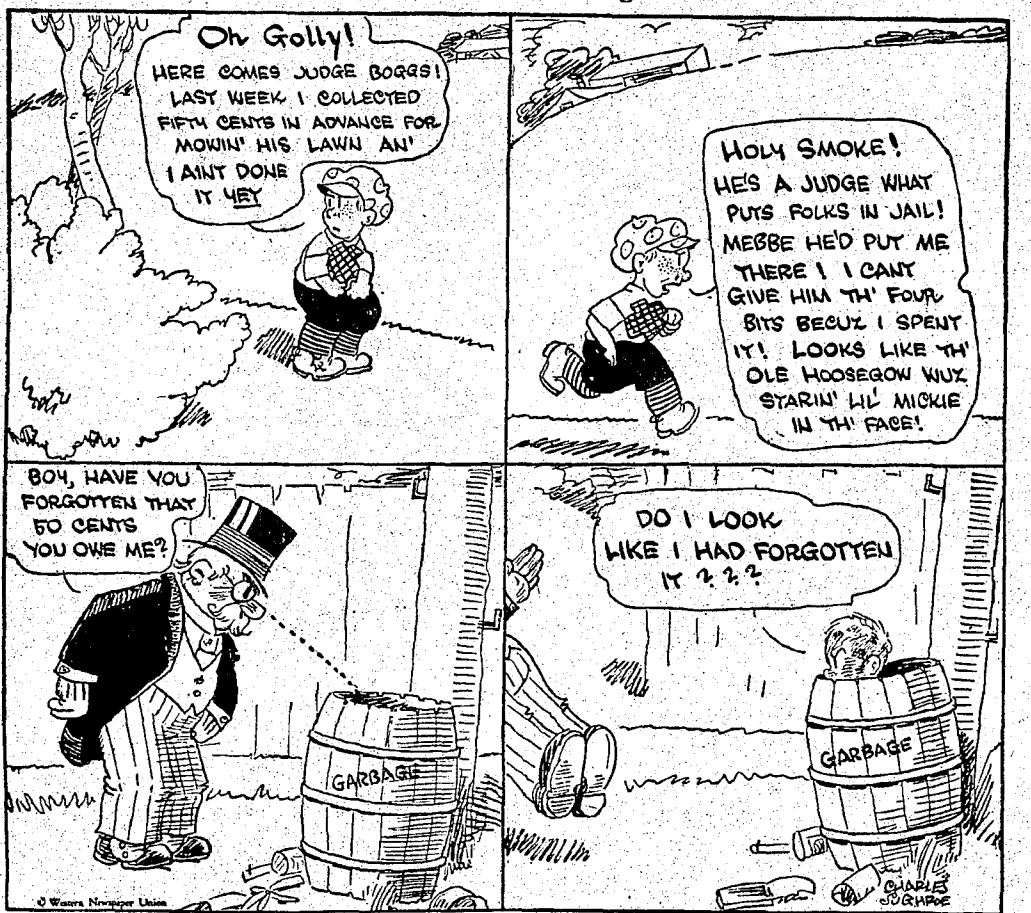
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### Along the Concrete

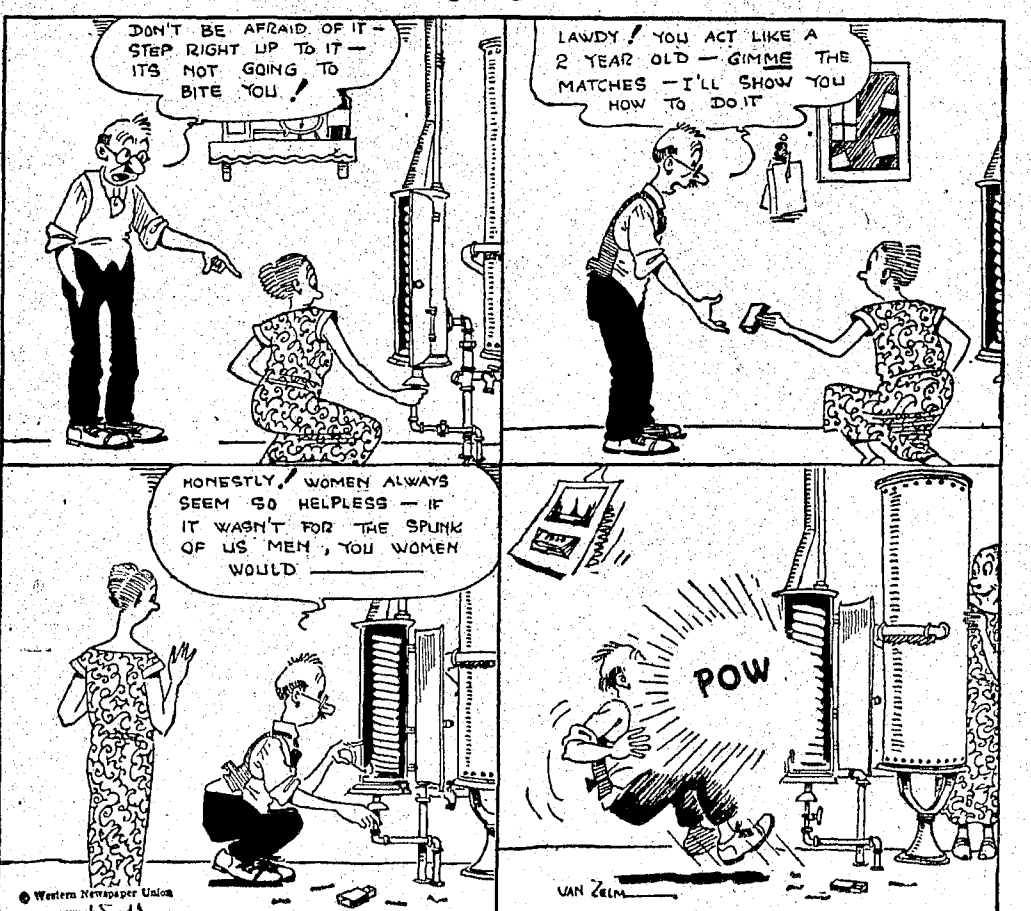


MIGRATORY BIRDS

### A Voice From the Garbage Barrel



### So Felix Kept Quiet After That



### HOLLY AND MISTLETOE

(© 1924, Western Newspaper Union.) Sing! Oh, sing of the Christmas holly, Bounteous cheer and all that's jolly; Sing of the chiming and the falling snow, And sing! Oh, sing of the mistletoe! —F. H. Sweet.

### HARK! TO THE BELLS!

(© 1924, Western Newspaper Union.) Hark! to the joyous Christmas bells, Encheling the earth; Hark to its own story tells Of Christ the Savior's birth! —F. H. Sweet.

### HOW TO ADVERTISE

Why do you formally retire from the stage every summer and return to it every fall?

That makes two press items, old fellow. The chap who merely takes a vacation doesn't get any.



### LUCKY.

How did you come out with your law suit? I won it.

Get damages? Sure! I got almost enough to pay my lawyer.

### OMITTED THE PRETTY ONES.

He—Our hostess was really the most beautiful woman of all present.

She (who was not invited) — I dare say. She took good care to provide for that when she sent out her invitations.



Be sure you're wrong; then back up.

Laughter is the finest tonic.





## EATON'S HIGHLAND LINEN

A gift which is always appropriate and which carries with it a message of good taste.

We have a specially attractive Christmas stock of this fine writing paper in many handsome shades and sizes.

"Style is a greater Social Asset than Beauty"



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O. P. SCHUMANN, Editor.

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## STUDEBAKER SECOND IN PRODUCTION.

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 10.—Studebaker's October Sales exceeded in value those of any other automobile manufacturer in the world except the Ford Motor Company.

The corporation also broke all its own October sales records, beating October 1923 by 68 per cent and October 1922 by 110 per cent.

Moreover, while exact figures are not yet available, it is known that the November sales are far ahead of those of any other November in the corporation's history.

The reason for these exceptional records, point out Studebaker folks, is the quality and value built into the new cars at the prices at which they are sold.

The quality of materials and workmanship, they add, is made possible by two outstanding features of the corporation's manufacturing.

The \$60,000,000 Studebaker plants, manufacturing these cars complete in five Duplex and ten closed body models, on three separate chassis, eliminate middlemen's profits and

thereby lower costs. Through Studebaker's large volume of production, the overhead cost per car is reduced to the minimum, because it is spread over so many thousands of cars.

This permits the use of higher quality of materials and workmanship at prices that would be impossible if the cars were built in smaller quantities.

L. N. L. ELECTS OFFICERS. Camp Wagner No. 10, L. N. L. held their annual election of officers Wednesday evening of last week. The officers and by whom they will be filled are:

President—Mrs. Margaret Mitchell. Vice presidents—Mrs. Emma Lovely and Mrs. Hattie Moshier. Secretary—Mrs. Hazel Bennett. Treasurer—Mrs. Altha Heric. Marshal—Mrs. Lura Collins. Asst. Marshal—Mrs. Anna Chalker. Chaplain—Mrs. Hattie Sherman. Sentinel—Mrs. Elsie LaMotte. Picket—Mrs. Marie Bucholz.



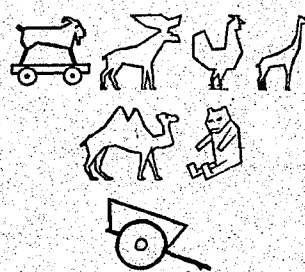
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## Let Santa Claus Bring a Real Present!

THERE are a few homes that really can call themselves complete. Perhaps there is some little nook or corner that would be made more inviting and eye pleasing, it contained one or more of the special pieces we offer in this event. As a holiday gift we know of nothing that will bring greater appreciation than any of the pieces we offer.

## Toyland



YOU'LL find them here—all the nicest gifts that Santa Claus could find for little boys and girls, and grown-ups, too! You'll enjoy a visit to Toyland. It's open now. Come soon—a royal welcome awaits you at Santa Claus' own headquarters.



## Brownie Gift Box

A complete picture making, picture keeping outfit, including number 2 Brownie Camera, two rolls of Kodak film, Kodak portrait attachment, 50 leaf Eastman Album, Kodak photo Paste, one year's subscription of Kodakery.

It's a barrel of fun in a box. Any youngster will get good pictures from the minute he starts shooting on Christmas morning. Price \$5.00. Step in and see it.

Our display of Furniture and Gift goods offers valuable suggestions and a visit to our store now will help you solve many of your gift problems.

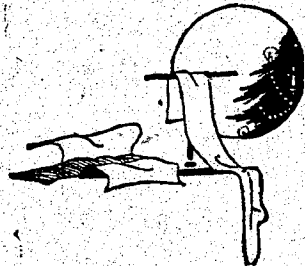
## Gift Furniture

RUGS  
FANCY MIRRORS  
PICTURES  
BOOKS  
KODAKS  
GAME TABLES  
CHINA  
GLASS WARE  
ELECTRIC LAMPS  
COLEMAN LAMPS  
COLEMAN LANTERNS  
CAMP STOVES  
CAMP DISHES

## TOYS

DOLLS  
GAMES  
DOLL FURNITURE  
DOLL CARRIAGES  
TOY TABLES  
TOY CHAIRS  
TOY DISHES  
COASTER SLEIGHS  
COASTER WAGONS  
SKIES  
ROCKING HORSES  
KIDDY KARS  
VELOCIPEDES

## Hosiery



Ladies' Silk Hosiery, all new shades, \$1 to \$3.50. Silk and wool, plain and fancy colors \$1.50 to \$2. Men's Silk Hose, English rib, \$1. Gentlemen's Merino Silk and Silk and Wool Sox; Men's Handkerchiefs and Ties.

## Ladies Scarfs

Ladies' Silk neck Scarfs, \$1.98 to \$3. The very newest Sport Stripe Neck Scarfs, French Flannel, \$3.

## Gloves and Mitts



Ladies' Gloves, washable Suede, from 60c to \$2.25. Kid Gloves from \$2.50 to \$5. Wool Gloves from \$1 to \$2.65. Girls and Boy's Mitts and Gloves, from 50c to \$1.

## SWEATERS

Ladies' White Wool, Slip-Over Sweaters. Regulation Basket Ball Sweaters, \$9.00 to \$7.00. Ladies' Brushed Wool Sweaters \$4.00 to \$7.50. Children's all Wool Sweaters, all colors, all sizes, \$2.95. Children's 3 to 5 piece Sweater Sets, priced—\$2.85 to \$7.00. Baby's Wool Sweaters, Leggings, Mittens and Booties. Ladies' Chemise and Step-In, Silk Batiste; Holly boxed, \$2.75 per set. Ladies' Silk and Wool Union Suits, \$2.25 to \$3.00.

## Toys

Our Toy Dept. is complete and priced exceptionally low.

## FOR GIRLS

Dolls.  
Stoves.  
Laundry Sets.  
Furniture Sets.  
Dishes from 35c to \$4.50 per set.  
Sewing Sets.  
Books.  
Games.

## FOR BOYS

Tops.  
Balls.  
Autos.  
Trains.  
Mechanical Toys.  
Street Cars.  
Over and Under.  
Foot Balls.  
Wagons, Etc.  
Books and Games.

## OUR LINE OF CHRISTMAS CARDS IS LARGE AND COMPLETE.

## LEATHER GOODS

Ladies' Under-Arm Bags, from \$2.00 to \$7.50. Vanity Bags, \$1.50 to \$6.00. Genuine Leather Purse, \$1.50 to \$6.00. Men's Bill Folds, from 50c to \$3.50. Children's Purses, an endless variety of them, from 25c to \$1.50. Music Rolls, Glove and Handkerchief cases, Auto Rolls, Brief Cases, Snap-Shot Books, Playing Cards in Case, Bridge Sets, Manicure rolls. Men's, Women's and Children's Moccasins.

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Clocks, Trays, Mirrors, Brushes, Powder Boxes, Hair Receivers, Manicure Sets, Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, Shaving Sets, Abalone Pearl Toilet Articles. Vases, Candle Sticks, Fruit Bowls, Jardinieres and Book Ends in Florentine Art Pottery. English Rockingham Imported Tea Pots. Hand Painted China. Cut Glass, Silverware 1847, Urex and Solid.

## JEWELRY

Everything pertaining to a first class Jewelry Store. Ladies' Watches in white gold, from \$13.50 up. Gents' Watches—Elgin, Waltham, South Bend, Hamilton and Illinois, \$15 to \$60. Boy's Watches \$1.50 to \$5.00. Exceptionally Fine Pearl Necklaces, priced beyond comparison. Beads 24 inch to 60 inch, at all prices. Stone set bracelets, 35c, \$1.00 and \$1.50.

## CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS

Candles—Decorative and Christmas.

## STATIONERY

Stationery suitable for young and old, ladies and gentlemen, priced from 25c to \$3.00 a box.

## PENS AND PENCILS

Pens and Pencils such as Edisons, Ever-sharps, Dunhs, Conklins, and Bankers, from 50c to \$7.00.

## Handkerchiefs



Handkerchiefs for Milady, boxed, 50c to \$2. Child's Boxed Handkerchiefs, 25c to 75c.

## Ladies' Coats and Dresses

Christmas Sale  
COATS AND DRESSES  
1-4 Off

on all garments in our stock.

Xmas Hat Sale!  
1-4 Off

on all Velvet, Velvet and Satin and Felt Hats.

## WANTS

Advertisements will be accepted under this heading at the rate of 5 cents per line. No adv. taken for less than 25 cts. There are about six words to the line. SEND MONEY WITH ORDER

HOUSE FOR RENT—GOOD LOCATION. Inquire at residence of E. G. Clark, Cedar Street.

LOST—GERMAN POLICE DOG, Dec. 10th. Anyone knowing its whereabouts please report to Sidney Graham.

FOR SALE—CUTTER FOR SALE cheap. Also one organ. Inquire of Albert Moon, Beaver Creek to ship.

ROOMS TO RENT—INQUIRE AT Avalanche office. Mrs. Martha A. McMaster.

LOST—MONDAY, DECEMBER 8th, between School house and Postoffice, or Postoffice and Ernest Borchers' residence part of a fountain pen belonging to Matilda Stephan with the initials M. H. S. Finder please leave at Avalanche office and receive reward.

LOST—LADY'S DIAMOND RING, 1/2 carat, Tuesday, Dec. 2, between Shoppenagon Inn and my home on Cedar street, formerly the Edward King house. Liberal reward for its return. Mrs. Walter Roe, at the Shoppenagon coffee room.

HOUSE FOR RENT—INQUIRE AT Avalanche Office. Phone 1112.

WANTED BARN FERTILIZER FOR Golf Course. See A. M. Lewis, if

FOR SALE—80 ACRE FARM, 2 1/2 miles from West Branch. 30 acres under cultivation. Good fences and buildings. Inquire of Mrs. W. J. McNeven.

FOR SALE—MY HOUSE, LOT AND Garage, at a low price. Call at my store. Frank Dreese.

HIGHEST MARKET PRICE GIVEN for Furs, in trade or cash. Frank Dreese.

STRAYED TO MY PLACE IN Grayling, white mare, about 850 lbs. Owner may have same by applying to me and paying for all costs. Ben Yoder. Phone 482.

FOR SALE—TEN ROOM HOUSE, inside toilet, 80 acres land and a good garden, in Frederic. Easy terms. Inquire of O. P. Schumann, Avalanche Block, Grayling, Mich.

## The Gift Shop

B. A. Cooley

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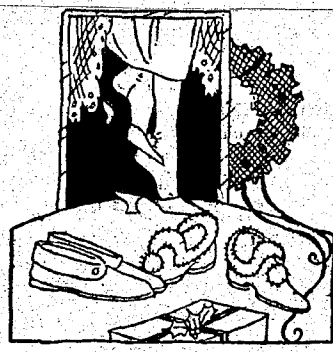


## Common Sense Says---

"Seeing is Believing"—Let's Look! You can buy here for less—It's worth looking into. Find out.

Landsberg.

### CHRISTMAS SALE, 1,000 PAIRS OF FELT SLIPPERS



er soles and heels. Sizes 3 to 8.

at 79c

Men's Felt Slippers 95c and up. Women's Felt Juliets, good quality, leather soles, rubber heels \$1.45. Children's Slippers all colors, all sizes, 79c and 95c.

We are featuring these Slippers in all colors at 79c. Made of good grade warm wool felt in a wide variety of wanted colors and combinations, soft padded leather

# LANDSBERG'S

FOURTH ANNUAL XMAS SALE

BETTER THAN EVER, STARTS

Friday Dec. 12th.

CONTINUES UNTIL CHRISTMAS

## Overcoat Sale

You pocket a big saving at this reduced price—

\$14.95—\$19.75—\$24.95

and every coat is one of this season style hits. New models! New Fabrics! New colors! You could pick blindfolded and get a coat you would be proud to wear—Men's Suits, all the style is tailored in Clothcraft Suits. We say the values are "decidedly interesting" because these are clothes which offer a maximum of satisfaction.

Quality which is worth and which usually commands a greater price—

VALUES:

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\$25.00 for \$18.95  
\$30.00 for \$23.75  
\$35.00 for \$26.50  
\$40.00 for \$31.50



Make Your CHRISTMAS MERRY

A sale at this particular time is most opportune. It not only means savings in every sense, substantial on seasonable and needed merchandise but is an incentive for Christmas Shopping. Many are the fine values offered in this store during our Xmas Sale, reading down through this page will give you some idea of the wide scope of this event. Hundreds of timely offerings that we could not give space in this ad, will be found in this store of appropriate gifts at prices that will surely prove an inducement for shopping in this store.

## Phoenix Hosiery

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All of our gift hosiery is arranged in Hand some gift boxes adding to their de-

sirability as a gift selection—

Women's all Silk fashioned, all colors, \$1.25

Value 89c a pair.

In this assortment is silk and wool mixtures in all fancy shades.

### SILK HOSE

Men's Hosiery, Silk, Wool, and Silk and Wool mixtures in fancy boxes.— 59c, 75c, 95c

### Extra Special 1 LOT OF Mama Dolls

\$1.19

Cannot be duplicated less than \$2.00

MEN'S WOOL SOX 19c a pair

Men's Bib Overalls, Blue Denim Jacket to match, all sizes, 38 to 50.

95c a garment  
A Real Special

### INDIAN BLANKETS

66 x 80 Fancy Patterns

\$5.00 Value

\$2.95

### Underwear

Boy's and Girl's Fleece Lined Union Suits, all Sizes.

Values to \$1.50,

69c a Suit

## HERE'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY FOR CHRISTMAS, BUY WITH CONFIDENCE!

### Handkerchiefs



Christmas would not be Christmas without giving a few Handkerchiefs and it Will not pay to bother making them when you can buy such pretty ones at the following prices.—

Ladies Fancy white Handkerchiefs .4c each.

Fancy colors 9c each

Fancy Boxes 29c—39c—49c

Men's Handkerchiefs, White 4c each

Fancy Boxes furnished with all Handkerchiefs.

Handkerchiefs for men in fancy borders and initials, values, 35c to 50c for 23c each.

### Men's Mufflers

Brushed Wool, Silk and Imported Scotch Plaids 95c and up, these scarfs will sure be a hearty welcome as a gift, and the price is in the reach of all.

### Men's Blanket Robes



Made of Heavy Quality Blanket Cloth in border designs—

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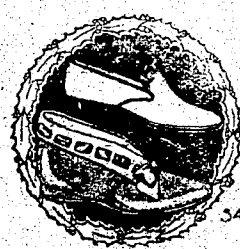
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## SHOE DEPARTMENT

Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes



Christmas Suggestions



Special Prices! A saving of from 20 to 30 per cent on everything, buy them a Useful Gift. A pair of Slippers or Shoes. This Includes all Hi-Cuts.

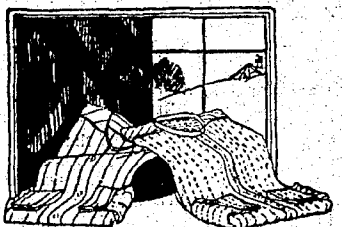
### Gifts For Men!

IN XMAS BOXES

Shirts, Men's English Broadcloth, collar attached or neckband. In White, Blue or Pongee at \$1.95.

Neckties also, made from choicest of Knit Silks in wide assortment of rich colorings in Xmas Box.

Value to \$1.00, 49c.



GIFT BOX OF GLOVES

Certainly there is style to Gloves, and the ones we show you as a gift for Father, Brother or friend.

BELTS SPECIAL 21c.

PAJAMAS IN PONGEE OR FLANNELS \$1.95

Hand Bags, Suit Cases, Leather and Leather lined. Black or Brown \$7.95. Trunks all sizes

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### Flannel Shirts

1 lot Khaki Coat Style Shirts Values to \$2.00

\$1.39

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Checked Shirts in all colors, values to \$5.50 all at our price

\$3.35

### SHEEPSKIN LINED COATS

Four pockets Sheepskin lined coats with heavy Mole-skin shell. With beaverized lambskin collar—

\$8.95

### SWEATERS

For Men, Women and Children

All kinds, pull overs and coat styles. Medium and heavy weights.

1 lot all colors, fancy pull overs

\$2.29

Values to \$5.50

\$3.95

Values to \$7.00

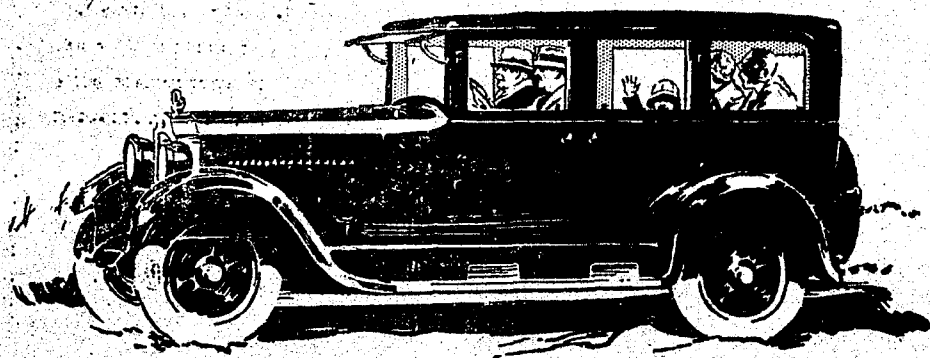
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Men's and Boys Sweaters all sizes,

98c and up.



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## FARM BUREAU NOTES

R. D. BAILLEY  
County Agricultural Agent

(Continued from last week.)

**Rural Denmark and Its Schools.**  
Quietly and steadily the work of agricultural improvement has gone on.

Some of the choicest spirits of the land have given their time and money in the great cause. In places where only the heather held sway only two score years ago, there are splendid green forests and fertile meadows. These men have done their work well. They have re-made the soil, and have at the same time taught their fellow men that the land is holy and must be treated as such. The truth has gradually taken root that the fundamental wealth of the nation must come from the soil, and that to serve this wealth and add to it is the sacred duty and privilege of every free-born man and woman. (Every nation has had to learn or will have to learn the same truth.)

When this work of soil improvement began Jutland was a land of barren heath, of moor and bog, of great stretches of sand, with here and there a fertile spot; but Jutland was not always that way. It used to be covered with great forests of fir and oak. Wars, the Black Death, and the greed of man in cutting too much timber made Jutland a desert. Man, eager for gain, hewed down the forests and neglected to replant them. The winds swept triumphantly across the land, the heather closed in upon the roots of remaining trees and killed them. Then the last of the grass and corn plants had to retreat and the curse of barrenness was upon the land. (In the United States there are already vast areas where the soil has gullied too bad for agriculture, because complete removal of the timber has consumed the humus that formerly helped bind the soil together. Vast areas more will be wasted in the same way in the next generation.)

The Danes have reforested bleak, sour sandy land where our government has given up trying on such lands. They made the red spruce grow by planting it with mountain fir as a nurse tree.

The Danish people not only drained the low lands and irrigated waste upland, but much of their soil needed to be limed, so they did it. It needed to be fertilized, so they did it. (They believed in soil, a thing that we Yankees have yet to learn.)

Barrenland fertilizers are carefully saved in large cemented reservoirs, and liquid manures are kept in underground cisterns. The latter is carefully sprinkled in due season, over the meadows and plowlands, so nothing is lost. (Everywhere here we see men owning poor farms that are growing poorer, wasting fertility as a drunken sailor wastes his money.)

Man in Denmark is eagerly hunkered for, and steadily used. It lines or "sweetens" the soil. The Heather Society has found over 1700 manure deposits, and the government lends it aid by transporting it at very low cost over state owned railways. Lessons for American Agriculture.

The Danish motto is to use all the land, abuse none of it, and treat it well because it is holy.

Our forefathers who settled along the Atlantic coast may have been religious men in their own way, but they certainly did not apply the teachings of the Pentateuch in the

way in which Moses had intended they should be applied; for, in New England and the South alike they drew the virgin fertility from the land without putting anything back. It is high time to conserve what we have left. We have exploited the riches of Nature in the past; but there is a distinct sentiment, that this must end, and a distinct movement is already under way. North, south, east, and west, to usher in this period of real husbandry farming.

This new class of farming will require masterful men with the desire for real conquest in them. Scientific farming is not a simple business. It needs well-prepared men and women.

With the ordinary chance farming and blind resignation and feeling that this poor farming and starved farm life is the best that can be done, which is too commonly the feeling, little headway can be made.

The American nation can well profit by the lesson that little Denmark teaches. It will be a great thing to meet these needs now while we are young people, and the virgin wealth of the soil is in great measure, unexploited. In the United States, too, properly applied education will play master part in this greatest of human enterprises.

**Visit To a Small Danish Farm.**  
Arriving at the farm, the owner pointed with pride to the two framed riculture at one of the schools for wife had taken short courses in agriculture at one of the schools for small holders.

The farm consisted of 7 acres of rather light soil, but, in a high state of cultivation. As the soil must all be used, the road and lawn were lined with cherry trees instead of shade trees.

The living house, barn and stable were all built together under one roof, according to ancient custom, but all were so beautifully clean that there was no nuisance whatever. Here lived the owner and family of five, including the hired girl. Cow barn separated from the house by solid brick wall. All buildings of brick with thatched roof. Cows kept in barn nine months of the year. There they lived in comfort in their painted stalls and within freshly whitewashed walls. Floor of cement with drain connecting with an under-ground cistern, where was stored the liquid manure until it should be sprinkled over the clover meadow or the plow land. (A ton of liquid manure contains more fertility than a ton of solid manure. Why waste it?) A cemented reservoir contained all the solid manure.

The owner said: "It is care of these small things that makes our success possible. Were we Danes to pitch our manure in heaps out-of-doors as you Americans do, permitting the real manure to run off, then scattering the straw over the fields, we should go bankrupt."

Star boarders are unknown in barns of Danish small holders. A daily record of each cow is kept in a frame on the barn wall. (I will furnish milk record sheets free to any farmer who will call at my office for them.)

The pig sty was an interesting place (Imagine that.) Here thirteen shoats were getting ready for market. The owner boasted of having his hogs ready for the co-operative slaughter house when they were no older than three (3) months. They would then weigh from 130 to 140 lbs., dressed.

They were fattened on sugar beets ground up with corn and oat meal to which is added a little finely chopped clover hay.

The farm carried as side lines apple growing, egg production, and bee keeping. Because the land was so limited dwarf apple trees were used. The orchard was yielding at the rate of \$24.60 per acre.

This little farm was a money-maker because it was scientifically handled.

In front of the house were beautiful flower beds in the midst of which stood bee hives. Immediately back of the house was an interesting kitchen garden.

The fields received every ounce of manure produced on the place; and in addition, a small amount of acid phosphate.

The owner was born of poor parents—agricultural day laborers. He became such a laborer himself. Saved a small sum of money. Took advantage of the agricultural instruction in the rural schools, and learned how to do real farming.

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His balance sheet for the year showed that besides a good living for the family, the farm had yielded him \$558.51 above expenses.

Our great country life worker L. H. Bailey, says in one of his books that "the country man must be able to interest himself spiritually in his own native environment as his chief resource of power and happiness."

This is just what Danish country folk do. Their first love for the land. They understand in good measure the meaning of the phrase that the soil is holy.

They love their farming. It is real life to them, and they do it well.

This Danish love of nature takes form in flowers and shrubbery, in small, neat gardens, with gravelled walks and vine-clad arbors.

The country home is made as attractive as the owners means will permit.

Many of the household industries, which with us have long ago passed away, are still doing much to hold the family group together, and are still giving the head, heart, and hand education that we have begun to reintroduce through such school subjects as manual training and household economics.

All of the "every-day life" of the Danish country people is lived around or at the common community center; that is, their everyday activities, their thoughts, their life plans, are all centered in the work of two great institutions—the school and the church.

At the crossroads, or on the edge of the quiet old hamlet, lies the school master's house, a rambling place, neatly kept within and without. Flowers, gravelled walks, and rustic seats fill the front yard. To the rear are the vegetable garden and an experimental plot, in which the school master and the children work from day to day, side by side, while the earth preaches sermons for their ears, making them love to live close to nature's heart.

Then there is the school house, in ample grounds, just beyond. Here, too, the love of nature is shown, both in planting and in growing

things.

The school master dwells in the midst of his people twelve months of the year. In this way he learns to know them, becoming a more and more useful community force, able and competent to give assistance in practical farm life affairs.

Just beyond the school house lies the fine old parsonage, and the century-old stone church which is never lacking in a Danish community.

Just as the school master lives in the midst of his people, honored and revered, so the pastor dwells in the midst of his flock. There can be no question of dying country churches in a community where such a pastor labors. He is a scholarly man. He has studied the needs of the people. Now he rightfully has taken his place as spiritual leader and advisor, together with the school master gives the country community the high level of idealism necessary in order to keep pace with the progress made at the industrial centers.

The rural schools of Denmark emphasize to a remarkable degree the fundamental school subjects, and do their work in them with great thoroughness; but, at the same time the root the entire course of study to the soil in such a way that they are able to inculcate in the pupils love of soil tillage as a life work.

The most important task performed by Danish educators has been to impart a remarkably large store of culture without giving the people a contempt for work with the hands.

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## The Star Over the Barn

By CHRISTOPHER G. HAZARD

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**I**T HAD been a strange Christmas Eve. The falling snow had changed to sleet and the sleet had turned to rain. The disappointed children had hung their stockings by the chimney with fears that the reindeer and the sleigh of Santa Claus would not be able to bring him over the muddy roads. Their dreams were disturbed by visions of wreckage and bundles scattered about. At the church party there had been a Santa Claus, but when his mask slipped down and he put up his hand to fix it they knew that he was not the real one. There had been three wise men, following a star, too, but their white whiskers and pointed sticks had frightened the girls who were the angels so that they could not sing. And now it seemed as though the real Christmas would be a failure, too.

It looked that way to others on that dreary evening. It seemed to two travelers who were making their way towards the farm house that they could not keep their closely wrapped bundle dry much longer and that the night was very dark indeed. They were very glad to pass the sleeping house and find a refuge in the old barn and a bed on the fragrant hay. Their long and weary journey was forgotten in the dreams that came to comfort them with pictured hopes, and they were all unconscious of the peace and brightness that had succeeded the storm.

In the house, however, unconsciousness had been suspended. Ears strained in vain for sleigh bells, but a gentle voice had fallen upon them with a happy Christmas greeting from Mrs. Rosebud (for so they called her) and she had called them to the joy of a beautiful Christmas morning. In the colder air there lay a light snow over all the bareness of the day before and it was all ready to sparkle back the merry glances of the coming sun. But first there gleamed in the pale blue sky and gathering dawn the light of



The Star Was Resting Just Over Their Barn.

the morning star, and as the children looked out of the window of their room they saw that the star was resting just over their barn.

Perhaps there never was a merrier Christmas morning than the three wise children enjoyed that day. It wasn't merely because the stockings had grown big and bumpy through the night. It wasn't only because they could even smell the Christmas tree through the crack in the parlor door. It wasn't the new hair ribbons, the Dutch apron, the small pair of scissors tied with blue ribbon and the small pair tied with red ribbon, the angel cake, the box of "Creole" candy, the new skates, the extra doll "Fancy." It wasn't all these or the play house, or the pencil sharpener, or even the writing case that made one of the ecstatic youngsters say, "Next Christmas, when old Sant' comes down the chimney, I'm going to make him kneel down, then I'll whisper in his ear: 'You old Santy Fatcat!'" And it wasn't every blessing of the day that made them thankful enough, for pulling an orange out of her stocking, one of them was heard to say, "Santa, you're giving me too much fruit." But it was something sweeter, greater and more beautiful, something that was in the under thought of all their hearts and that was presently to be in their experience, for as they ran down to the barn, carrying their new treasures along to play with them on the barn floor, they heard a movement and a

strange cry behind the barn door. And when they opened the door, there upon the hay were the travelers, the old man with the kindly look, the lovely one who seemed to be his daughter, and the unbonded baby, smiling so deeply and so sweetly. It was the baby that was the best of all. It was the baby that sat by the table in the high chair, with little gifts before him. It was the baby that made the feast so great, good for them all and caused them to give thanks for the star that, despite the storm and cloud, had led them to their barn. It was the baby that inspired the prayer of one of the children that Christmas night, when she said, "We know you sent your little baby Jesus for us to love. So, merry Christmas, God!"

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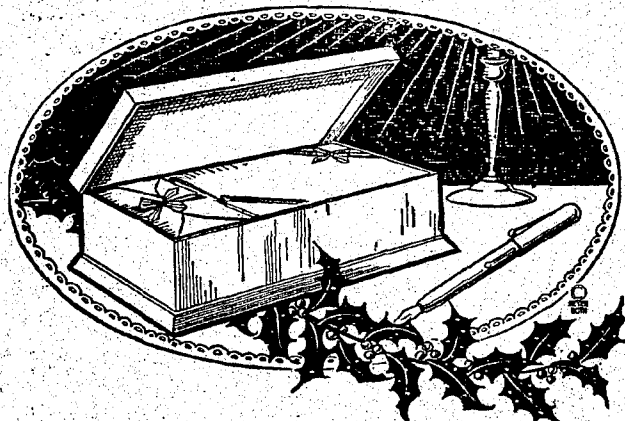
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### LOCAL NEWS

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See the school kiddies for Red Cross Christmas seals.

Miss Mae Lovelly entertained Miss Clara Smith of Vanderbilt over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gothro and Mrs. Victor Smith spent Tuesday in Gaylord.

Strictly fresh eggs, unfertile. Phone 1023. James McDonnell, place your orders now.

Mail your Christmas packages just as soon as possible. Give the postal clerks a chance.

Dean Hall of Fife Lake, who spent Monday visiting friends here left Tuesday for Cadillac.

Oscar Taylor left Wednesday for Detroit to spend a few days with his daughters Edna and Ruth.

Read the ads and Shop Early

Bay City "Y" team are coming to Grayling Saturday for the big game with the American Legion quintette. Admission 50 and 25 cents.

Mrs. Bernard Sorenson and children have come to Grayling from Detroit to remain for a time, owing to one of the children being ill with tuberculosis.

Burt Mitchell and family have moved from the Skingley house on Elm street and have rented the house vacated by Mrs. Harrison Cameron and family. Leonard Taylor who is employed by the Tatu garage has purchased the Skingley home.

Mrs. David Montour and daughters Bunny and Joan visited in Standish over Sunday. Mrs. Montour went to visit her brother Archie Collier, who recently returned from the sanitarium at Howell, where he had been receiving treatment for tuberculosis and who is very much improved.

The big treat of the season will be the next number on the Lyceum course, which is being given under the auspices of the Senior class. So far this season the numbers have been excellent, and Wherahiko Rawel is sure to please you. He will be at the school auditorium next Tuesday evening, December 16. Don't miss this number; by attending you will see and hear something high-class, and besides you will be helping the Senior class.

Mrs. Charles Wilbur has returned from Ithaca, where she was called by the illness of a relative.

C. J. Hathaway Optometrist of Pontiac will be in Grayling Dec. 29 & 30, to look after his optical practice. 12-11-3

Emmanuel Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Johnson had the misfortune to break his left arm one day last week while practicing basket ball.

The 1924 Tax roll is now in the hands of the Township treasurer for those wishing to pay their taxes. Office open from 8:00 to 11:00 a. m., from 12:00 to 5:00 p. m. and 6:15 to 7:15 p. m. by appointment. C. O. McCullough, Township Treas.

Don't miss the basket ball game Saturday night, when Grayling American Legion team will play the fast Bay City "Y". It is sure to be full of thrills. A preliminary game to be played between two of the school teams will start at 8:00, the big game starting at 9:00.

Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Keyport, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bates and Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Schumann, enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. William Feidhaue at dinner last Sunday. The company remained for the afternoon and spent a real pleasant afternoon in this comfortable farm home, with their most congenial host and hostess.

Another company of Girl scouts has been formed, making two companies in Grayling, numbering 42 members. The members have been divided so that the younger scouts make one company while the older girls make the other. They are busy now working for Christmas so as to make some folks whom they know happy.

"The Covered Wagon" that began a four night stand at Grayling Opera house, Tuesday night, is drawing wonderful crowds each night. Every seat is being filled and the production is tallying up to the great reputation that play enjoys. Manager Olson is to be complimented for the high class of plays he is giving his patrons.

Word has been received by Grayling relatives of the death of Miss Letha Ketzbeck, age 22, and the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Ketzbeck of Detroit, that occurred on December 4, the cause of death being leakage of the heart. The funeral was held Saturday. The Ketzbeck family were former residents of Grayling.

Several sales now in progress in Grayling are drawing many people from out of the city to come here to trade. This means that other places of business are sure to reap some benefit from the efforts of the larger advertisers. People coming to Grayling to trade are assured of good goods and a square deal. These principles have built up business.

The ladies and gentlemen of the Bridge Club were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coyle and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gillett at dinner Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Coyle. The dinner was most attractive in every detail and everyone present had a fine time. Mrs. C. R. Keyport and Robert Reagan held the high scores and Mrs. C. M. Morfit received the guest prize.

Michigan should be to the north what Florida is to the south in the way of a national playground said Dr. Caroline Bartlett Crane, of Kalamazoo, recently in addressing a woman's organization. She urged the sequestering of park districts and emphasized that the increasing importance of parks is due to the shortened hours of business and growing appreciation of outdoor sports.

At the regular meeting of Grayling Post American Legion 106, Reuben E. Goslow and John Foster were initiated into the mysteries of the legion. After the initiation work, the members enjoyed concerts over the radio through the courtesy of Frank Tetu. A delicious supper consisting of several good Danish dishes was served by Mrs. John Benson. There were 25 out to the meeting.

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Mrs. Claude Gilson returned the forepart of last week from an extended visit with her parents in Sunfield. On Thanksgiving Day Mrs. Gilson's parents Mr. and Mrs. William Jessup Guy celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, and the various lodges gave a public reception in their honor which was a very elaborate affair. The entire community were invited and there was a large number present. Fifty years ago the couple were married in the little church of that place and they went to their farm home where they have lived all these years. Mr. Gilson was in Sunfield for the affair also.

One of the important features in the Shop Early, Mail Early campaign, which is being put on throughout the country by the Post Office Department, is the proper addressing and securely wrapping of Christmas packages. When you wrap your Christmas packages, wrap them securely, put your address in the upper left corner, so, if by any chance, it should go astray, it can be returned to you and not sent to the dead letter office. The folks of our community last year helped to bring joy and happiness to hundreds of thousands of postmen and clerks. Let's do our shopping early and mailing early again this year, so that we may again enable the postmen and the post office clerks to eat their Christmas dinners home with their families at the same time assure ourselves of having our Christmas presents delivered to our friends in order that they may be opened on Christmas morning.

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The list of practical gifts are too numerous to mention, but we invite you to visit our store and see the display.

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The Quality Store

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Don't miss the next number of the lecture course which will be given on the evening of December 16. Wherahiko Rawel will entertain you.

Before buying your Xmas Gifts be sure to look over our stock. We have many nice gifts on display. Central Drug Store.

Eleven more shopping days before Christmas. Might just as well shop today as to wait, and besides stocks are complete now and much is being sold every day.

Little Miss Virginia Cody celebrated her seventh birthday last Wednesday by entertaining fourteen boys and girls, at her home. A happy time was had by all.

You can now have your new Victrola so as to take any Radio receiving set. The famous Victor sound chamber makes a very fine amplifier. Central Drug Store.

Guy Richardson, who has been stationed at the Military reservation since early last spring, making diagrams and maps, taking altitudes and gathering other information for the state and federal military departments, left Wednesday for his home in Kalamazoo. He expects that he will be directed to return here again next spring.

Burke's Oil station closed Tuesday for the season, and Mr. Burke reports the amount of \$70.00 to be used towards the Christmas fund. This was derived from putting aside one cent from each gallon of gas sold for the past couple of months.

Mrs. N. P. Olson received word one day last week that her Buick Sedan, that was stolen in Detroit about a year ago had been located and was in Buffalo, N. Y. George N. Olson accompanied by E. G. Clark left last night for that place to drive the car back, the latter expecting to visit old friends in that vicinity it being his boyhood home. At the time the automobile was stolen Mrs. Olson was visiting in Detroit and one evening with some relatives were driving about the city viewing places of interest, one of which was the General Motors building. They parked the machine close to the curb and went into the building, and when they returned the car was gone. The police were immediately notified but no trace of the car was found, and it had been given up as gone for good when a message from a Detroit inspector notified them of its whereabouts.

READ THE AVALANCHE

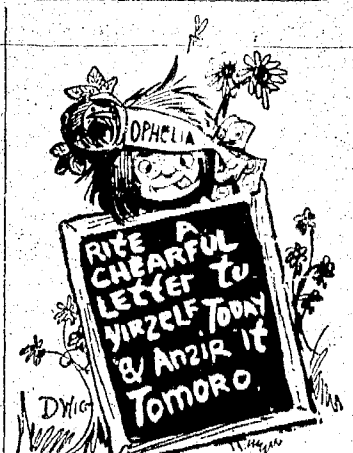
Mrs. C. M. Morfit and children, Clarence, Edwin, Beverly and Richard left this afternoon for their new home in New Brunswick, N. J., near which city is Parlin, where Mr. Morfit is maintenance engineer for one of the numerous Du Pont plants. But three houses on Du Pont avenue are now occupied and this once thriving manufacturing district now looks gloomy indeed. The Morfits have been fine citizens in every way and each and every one will be sadly missed. They were just as reluctant to leave Grayling as the people here were to have them, but Mr. Morfit's services were needed in the east and it is a habit of large corporations to shift their executives about whenever they so desire. The Morfit family carry with them the best wishes of those that know them best.

(Additional local news on last page)

### NOTICE.

There is an ordinance prohibiting the depositing of ashes, or rubbish of any kind in the streets, and the public have been cautioned again and again concerning this practice. Please take notice that hereafter anyone violating this law will be prosecuted.

Charles Fehr, Street Commissioner.



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### SOUTH BRANCH TAX NOTICE.

I will be at the Roscommon State Bank every Saturday through December, and on Jan. 3, 1925, if roads are passable for auto, to receive taxes. Will be at my home every Friday. (Signed) James F. Crane, Twp. Treas. 12-11-2



## WOMAN SO ILL COULD NOT WORK

**Tells How Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Stopped Her Suffering and Restored Her Health**

Momence, Illinois.—"I surely can recommend your medicine to other women who have female weakness, as it has helped me very much in every way possible. I was working in a dining room in town, and sometimes I could not do my work; had pains in the lower part of my body and had to stay in bed. One of my neighbors told me what good Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did for her, and it has surely done wonders for me. I hope all women who suffer will take my advice as the Vegetable Compound has done so much to bring back my vigor and strength."—Mrs. ALBERT E. DESCHAUD, Momence, Illinois.

Over 121,000 women have so far replied to our question. "Have you received benefit from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound?" 98 per cent. of these replied "Yes."

That is 98 out of every 100 women who take this medicine for the ailments for which it is recommended are benefited by it. For sale by druggists everywhere.

### Baby Tortured Day and Night by Eczema

Resinol Stopped Itching and Healed Sick Skin

Brooklyn, N. Y., May 10:—"I thought it might interest you to know how much Resinol has done for my baby. Her face was covered with scales and the itching was so severe I had to keep stockings on her hands to keep her from scratching. I had to be up at night as it bothered her so she could not sleep. Two doctors, one of them a skin specialist, told me that she had eczema. I tried several remedies, but nothing helped, so when I read in the paper about Resinol, I thought I would give it a trial. I can't praise it enough, for it has done wonders for the baby's skin and she sleeps all through the night now. I would advise anyone with a similar case to try Resinol Ointment." (Signed) Mrs. Rose Goersdorf, 27 Furman Avenue.

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**Experiences With Animals**

The historian of the famous research station in zoology at Kari-bu, British Guiana, of the New York Zoological society has naturally had many experiences with wild animals of various kinds. She became "snake-broken" by handling a diminutive whip snake known as Adele and later assisted in the capture of a great boa. With her rugged activities, the lady is essentially feminine in manner and appearance, even in the masculine garb that she affects in the pursuit of her chosen avocation.—Exchange.

### Women, Why Suffer?

Quincy, Ill.—"I was relieved of feminine trouble, which had caused me to suffer with headache and other distressing feelings, by simply taking a few bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I have had no return of the trouble, and I am glad to recommend this 'Prescription' of your dealer, in tablets or liquid. Write Dr. Pierce for free medical advice, to Invalids' Hotel, in Buffalo, N. Y."

### Oldest Organ

Following an old custom, the pipe organ in the historic Zion's Lutheran church, near Spring City, Pa., was played in its annual concert a short time ago. The organ was constructed in 1791, and is believed to be the oldest instrument of the kind in the United States still in use.—New York Herald.

### MOTHER GRAY'S POWDERS BENEFIT MANY CHILDREN

Thousands of mothers have found Mother Gray's Sweet Powders an excellent remedy for children complaining of Headaches, Colds, Feverishness, Worms, Stomach Troubles and other irregularities from which children suffer these days and excellent results are accomplished by its use. They break up colds and regulate the bowels, used and recommended by Mothers for over 30 years. Sold by Druggists everywhere. Trial package FREE. Address, Mother Gray Co., Le Roy, N. Y.

## The Kitchen Cabinet

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Something to learn and something to forget; Hold fast the good and seek the better yet; Press on, and prove the pilgrim hope of youth; That creeds are milestones on the road to Truth.

—Henry Van Dyke.

### FROM GRANDMOTHER'S BOOK

Is there anyone who does not enjoy a nicely made, baked pumpkin pie?

Old-Fashioned Pumpkin Pie.—Take one and one-half cupsful of well-stewed and browned pumpkin which has been sifted to remove all stringy portions, two-thirds of a cupful of brown sugar or the same of white, with two table-spoonfuls of molasses, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, one-half teaspoonful of ginger, one teaspoonful of salt, a quarter of a teaspoonful of lemon extract, two slightly beaten eggs and a pint of rich milk. Combine the ingredients and turn into rich pastry-lined pie plate and bake in a moderate oven until when a knife is thrust into the center it comes out clean. If desired for an especially festive occasion, sprinkle with nuts or grated cheese and top with roses of whipped cream.

Golden Chips.—Slice pumpkin into strips one-half inch thick, take an equal weight of sugar, adding one-half cupful of lemon juice for each two pounds of sugar. Place the pumpkin and sugar in the preserving kettle in alternate layers. Pour the lemon juice over the whole and let stand twenty-four hours. Add one cupful of water for each three pounds of sugar and an ounce each of ginger root and lemon peel for each pound of fruit. Cook until the slices are tender, pack in an earthen jar, boil down the sirup until thick and pour over the fruit boiling hot. Seal.

Squash makes a pie that is enjoyed by many, almost as well as pumpkin. Prepare it in the same manner. Cooked mashed carrots also make a most wholesome pie filling.

Stewed Squash, Baked.—Cut Hubbard squash into small pieces, steam until tender. Mash and mix with butter and thick cream to season, add one beaten egg, salt and white pepper. Mix thoroughly and put into a well-buttered baking dish, cover with a thick layer of well-buttered crumbs and bake forty minutes in a slow oven.

A few peas cooked with finely diced carrots will make a good vegetable dish when served with drawn butter sauce or a white sauce.

In these "dead months" of December and January the forest lives its own life. It is not asleep as the poet deigns. Sleep has entered into the forest, has made the deep silence its habitation; but the forest itself is awake, mysterious, omnipresent, a creature seen at last in its naked majesty.—Fiona Macleod.

### COLD WEATHER SOUPS

With a can of clams one may have a most nourishing chowder with the following ingredients:

Clam Chowder.—Take a three-inch-square bit of salt pork; cut it into half-inch dice and fry in the chowder kettle until crisp and brown; add three small onions, sliced; cook them in the hot fat until a light yellow, then add half a dozen medium-sized potatoes, sliced; cover with boiling water and cook until the vegetables are well done. Add a can of clams, liquor and all, with one quart of rich milk; bring to the boiling point; season well and serve with crackers.

Parsnip Chowder.—Dice one-quarter pound of fat salt pork and place in a chowder kettle. Add one onion, thinly sliced and fried to a golden brown. Add two cupfuls of diced potatoes and two cupfuls of parsnips, also diced, both uncooked; two and one-half teaspoonfuls of salt, one-quarter teaspoonful each of paprika and celery salt, one-eighth of a teaspoonful of pepper, three cupfuls of boiling water. Simmer until the parsnips are tender; add three table-spoonfuls of butter and one quart of scalding hot milk. Serve with toasted crackers.

Red Beet Soup.—Take three pounds of the skin of beef. Wipe the meat and cut the lean part into cubes. Place in a soup kettle together with three quarts of boiling water, three onions, sliced thin, one teaspoonful of salt, one-quarter teaspoonful of pepper, one teaspoonful of whole allspice, one-half cupful of vinegar, one-half cupful of sugar and six medium-sized beets that have been boiled ten minutes, then skinned and grated. Cook for two and one-half hours, adding more water, if necessary. Strain and serve hot with boiled potatoes.

Spareribs and Kraut.—Wrap a small-sized sparerib around a quart or more of good suet kraut. Place in a hot oven for twenty minutes, then reduce the heat and bake for several hours or until the kraut is tender. Serve on a hot platter with the ribs rolled around the kraut.

### Costly Idol Worship

Many even poor Chinese, it is said, spend from 20 to 25 per cent of their income in idol worship, which practically eats away their capital.

### John Cabot's Reward

Enterprise was lavishly rewarded in the time of Henry VII of England. That monarch, from his own purse, bestowed the great sum of ten pounds sterling on John Cabot for discovering the mainland of North America in 1497.

### Decorate Wood Ornaments

One of the smartest street flocks of navy charmen has for trimming crocheted flowers of white and red wool. These consist of a flat red

## ADROIT CORSETING REQUIRED; TUNIC BLOUSE IS TRIUMPH

IN THE matter of slenderness, Fashion is obdurate—she still likes (or pretends to like) almost curvesless, flat-chested figures, suggesting immature girlhood. They look all right in the fashion books, but if the gaunt ladies pictured there were to come to life and circulate among us, Fashion would change her mind. Meantime womanhood, more or less plump and

lines without hampering it in any way. Proper corseting is absolutely essential in present-day fashions and the foundation of success in dress. Fashion says you must at least look trim and corsets answer, "Very well."

The triumph of the tunic-blouse is complete. One modish woman after another passes across the stage of fashion, each one bearing witness



Shows Art of Corseting.

pretty, looks to the corsetieres to give her figure straight and boyish lines. Nearly all the new corsets are low-top or topless models, made of satin, broche or rubber. Wrap-around or step-in, they have long, or medium long, hip lines. Many of the new models have no lacing; the strong, firm, elastic materials are so put together that they give the figure shapelessness. Boning grows less and less a factor in their composition while designers rely upon materials to sustain and restrain the figure without hampering the body or injuring it. It almost goes without saying that corsets should be fitted—there are models to suit different types of figures



One of the Tunic Blouses.

and for different uses and there are appliances for correcting defects in either too stout, or too slim persons. The responsibility of the corset steps at the waistline and is there taken up by a brassiere, which undertakes to support the bust in the proper way. Very slender women find a corset all that they need. If the figure is too flat, corsetieres recommend the wearing of a ruffled piece made of silk, net or sheer cotton fabric, attached to the front of the corset. The advantage of the corset and brassiere, for stout figures, is the freedom they allow at the waistline, which is necessary for proper breathing. This is a point never overlooked by corset makers who must always manage to give the figure trim

particularly well adapted to afternoon wear.

While it holds the center of the stage in afternoon dress, the tunic-blouse has an important role to play in tailored modes as a part of the ensemble suit. It is a high light in this year's contributions to dinner and evening dress, and made its entire in handsome models of georgette crepe, most of them short-sleeved and decorated with banding. It is very handsome in brocade chiffon, metallic brocades and ombre chiffon. For evening the short-sleeved, long tunic, flaring toward the bottom and finished with narrow, fur banding, leaves nothing to be desired.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.  
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### Ecu Lace Effective

Ecu lace on black satin is a pleasing thought of the moment. A black satin frock of simple lines has its round neck trimmed with wide ecu lace, while the tiniest of lace ruffles, in rows of three, are placed up and down the side of the skirt.

### Occasional Wide Hat

While the majority of hats are high-crowned and small-brimmed, one now and then sees a hat of the picture variety. In brown felt, with sweeping incurved plumes of orange or a wide of brim as Gainsborough himself could wish.

## Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

by MARY GRAHAM BONNER  
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### THE CHRISTMAS TREE

There were four children in the family and they lived far, far out in the country.

It was beautiful there, but it was hard to reach, particularly when there were great snow storms and when sometimes the snow was banked high all about.

They were getting a little bit worried that perhaps Santa Claus would not be able to make the trip—it even looked these days, close before Christmas, that it would storm still more.

The children went out into the woods, walking over the snow on the snow shoes which Santa had given them before. Each year one child had been given a pair while the others had smaller presents for they all thought that was very fair to have their big, big gift given to them in turn. They all had a pair now.

So now they all could get over the snow to the big woods beyond and there they found such a nice little tree, and brought it back to the house.

"We will help Santa all we can," they said.

So they chopped up some boards and fastened the tree in between the boards and after shaking off all the snow they fixed the tree in the front window of the house.

Then they took out a box of some of the things which had been on the tree the year before and they wrote Santa this letter:

"We know, dear Santa, that even if you can get here through all this snow—for we're afraid the reindeer will find this one of the worst storms they've ever found—it will take a lot of time.

"So we're helping you all we can. You will see that the tree is waiting to be trimmed. But we have saved the trimmings from last year and they're in the box so you won't have to get way down into your bag for the trimmings you carry with you.

"You trim it so beautifully we're leaving it for you to do, if you have



Such a Nice Little Tree.

time, though we have strung some cranberries and popcorn on it as you will see.

"We are leaving some sugar for the reindeer and there will be some cold meat and a piece of pie for you in the pantry if you feel hungry.

"The pie is nice.

"Merry Christmas and lots of love from four of your devoted admirers."

They felt very happy when they saw that the letter, which they had put by the fireplace, was gone the next morning. So the storm had not kept Santa from getting his letters. They could picture him back in his workshop reading them all after he got home. But the storm still kept up and they felt a little bit nervous about Santa's arrival on Christmas Eve.

But they went to bed, hoping, just as hard as ever four people hoped!

In the morning they hardly dared go down the stairs but as they slowly went down the first few steps they caught sight of a trimmed tree below.

Down they bounded, singing as lustily as they could.

"Christmas comes but once a year. Christmas comes but once a year!"

There was the tree all trimmed and there, fastened on one of the branches was a note.

It was from Santa Claus and he had thanked them for helping him with the trimming. The reindeer thanked him for the sugar and Santa particularly thanked him for the piece of pie. The children had provided these the night before.

And he was sorry, but on account of the storm he had not been able to bring so much with him as he wanted to make the load light for his reindeer over such terrific snow banks and snow drifts.

But he had brought them a "Joint Christmas"—a Christmas party for them all to enjoy.

And under the tree was a basket and in the basket was a dear little dog with a red ribbon around his neck. With a bound the dog was kissing each of them in turn and the children were shouting:

"Well, of all the Christmas days we've ever had this is the best of all!"

And the little dog seemed to think it was a pretty nice day too!

### Could Be Done

"Even a policeman can't arrest the flight of time," said the funny man. "Oh, I don't know," rejoined the matter-of-fact person. "Only the other day I saw a cop enter a side door and stop a few minutes."

### A Sweeping Petition

"Lord, make us thankful for what we receive," is the petition of a Billville brother, "but keep us out of the hands of a receiver, even if you have to paralyze him, temporary, so he can't take hold on us."—Atlanta Constitution.

### The Better Part

He is happy whose circumstances suit his temper; but he is more excellent who can suit his temper to any circumstance.—Hume.

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**Heard in Germany**  
Heinrich—We certainly have to praise the good old times when—  
Karl—Well, what do you mean by the good old times?  
Heinrich—Oh, about ten minutes ago.

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Although a man may feel his oats he may not have horse sense.

Marriage isn't a failure any oftener than single blessedness is.

**Not a Bargain**  
Mrs. Dash—Henry, dear, I'm going to the beauty specialist's this afternoon. Could you let me have \$20?  
Dash—Hm! \$20! Do you think that will be enough?—London Tit-Bits.

**Bobbed Hair Not New Idea**  
Bobbed hair is ancient, according to discoveries made in the little town of Wymington, Northamptonshire, England. The restoration of the parish church there has revealed a painting depicting women with their hair bobbed in the style of 1924. Hidden under a coating of thin plaster were discovered wall paintings representing the resurrection and the Judgment. The plaster has now been carefully removed to show the decorations. Most of the figures in the paintings are women. Some have their hair falling about the shoulders, but the artist has given the majority short hair, cut exactly in the manner of the modern girl's coiffure. The vicar believes the paintings are the same age as the church, which was built in 1350.

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(ON THE HILL)

### G.—H.—S. "PEP"

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#### "Humor."

Ernest L.: "Why, Mr. Burnham,  
this is way above our heads."  
Mr. Burnham: "I know it, I'm talk-  
ing where your heads ought to be."

#### "Characterization of Seniors."

Tolling, perspiring, sorrowing,  
Onward through life he goes;  
Each morning finds some task begun;  
Night never sees it close;  
Something attempted, nothing done,  
He seeks his night's repose.

Engineer: "And poor Harry was  
killed by a revolving crane."  
English woman: "My word! What  
fierce birds you have in America!"

#### "Returned With Interest."

A boy let the farm and got a job  
in the city. He wrote a letter to his  
brother, who was elected to stick to  
the farm, telling the joys of the city  
in which he said: "Thursday we au-  
to'd out to the Country club where  
we golfed until dark. Then we mo-  
to'ed to the beach for the week-end."  
The brother on the farm wrote back:  
"Yesterday we buggied to town and  
baseballed all the afternoon. Then  
we went to Ned's, pokered until morn-  
ing. Today we muled out to the corn-  
field and geahaved until sundown.  
Then we suppered and then we piped  
for a while. After that we stair-  
cased up to our room and bedsteaded

until the clock fived."

Mr. Smith: "Good, then take this  
handle the English language?"  
Lillian Ziebell: "Sir, my know-  
ledge of the English language has  
always been my greatest asset."  
Mr. Smith: "Good, then take the  
dictionary down stairs."

Sigurd: "Marian, I pine for you  
and balsam."

Miss Thomas: "What does a bank  
cashier do?"  
Mr. Burnham: "I know it, I'm talk-  
ing where your heads ought to be."

A comedy of Errors, The Junior play.  
A man in disguise, Shiek Hoelsi.  
The Boy from the Laundry.

Ora Ingalls.  
The Uncovered Wagon, York's Ford.  
The Fall of Napoleon, Miss Turcott.  
The Favorite, Al Schroeder.

Much Ado About Nothing,  
The Girls Basket Ball team.

#### Apology of York.

My auto 'tis of thee,  
Short road to poverty,  
Of thee I chant;  
I blew a pile of dough,  
On you a year ago;  
Now you refuse to go,  
Or won't or can't.

Through town and country side,  
You were my joy and pride,  
A happy day,  
I loved the gaudy hue,  
The nice white tires so new,  
But you're down and out for true,  
In every way.

To thee, old rattle box,  
Many bumps and knocks,  
For thee I grieve,  
Badly thy top is torn;  
Frayed are thy seats, and worn,  
Whooping-cough effects thy horn.  
I do believe.

Thy perfume swells the breeze,  
While good folks choke and  
wheeze,  
As we pass by.  
I paid for thee a price,  
'Twould buy a mansion twice;  
Now everybody's yelling "ice";  
I wonder why.

The motor has the gripe,

The spark plug has the pip,  
And woe is thine,  
I too have suffered chills,  
Fatigue and kindred ills,  
Endeavoring to pay my bills,  
Since thou were mine.  
Gone is my bank roll now,  
No more 'twould choke the cow,  
As once before.  
Yet if I had the mon,  
So help me John—amen—  
I'd buy a car again,  
And speed some more.

Uncle, asked the little boy, what  
is a "Cafe de luxe?"  
Uncle: Oh, about five per cent cafe,  
and ninety-five per cent looks.

John Brady: Bet your car sticks  
in the road all right.  
York Edmonds: You're right, it  
stuck for five hours this morning be-  
fore I could move it.

Sigurd in restaurant: "I want a  
sandwich for my girl."  
Walter: "Olive?"  
S. J.: "No, Bertha."

#### Personals.

Kindergarten News.  
Yvonne Kraus has been absent  
from school.  
We are planning a Christmas play.

#### First Grade News.

Carl Peterson has returned to  
school after a few weeks absence.

4th A and B and 5th Grade News.  
We are planning a Christmas pro-  
gram and tree together.

Fourth B grade is practicing for a  
Christmas program also.

Miss LaSalle is unable to teach due  
to illness.

The Junior class are practicing for  
their play which they expect to give  
the fore part of January.

The name of the play is, "Am I  
intruding," a comedy of four acts.

The characters are:  
Mrs. Hastings, housekeeper, Erma  
Sjoholm.

Blair Hoover, adventurer, Wayne  
Ewalt.

Ernest Rebene, secretary, De Vere  
Cripps.

Marjory Vane, the elder daughter,  
Marion Reynolds.

Dickie Waldron, a romanticist,  
Leonard Turppa.

Mona, the French maid, Genevieve  
Montour.

Horace Vane, the father, Russell  
Robertson.

Vollet Vane, the younger daughter,  
Lucinda Collen.

Peter, devoted to Vi, Al Schroeder.

Gerald May, Jerry from Sage  
Dora, friend of Vi, Ruby Stephan.

Creek, Edgar Douglas.

Jane Vane, Niece, Helen Granger.

The sale of Tuberculosis Christmas  
seals is now on. Grayling has al-  
ways had a good record so let's keep  
it up! Buy your seals from any  
student in school.

The next number of the Redpath  
Lycum course will be given next  
Tuesday, Dec. 16. This number will  
be, Wherahiko. Rawel presenting a  
South Sea entertainment.

If the people desire to retain ser-  
vices of the Lycum course for future  
years, more will have to patronize the  
rest of the numbers of this course.

Mrs. Milnes is substituting for  
Miss Sprague's Domestic Science and  
art classes.

Mr. Smith gave a very interesting  
talk in the assembly room, Thursday,  
on the sale of Tuberculosis Christmas  
seals. Where they originated and  
the purpose for which they were  
being sold.

The Freshmen and Soph's gave  
a farewell party in honor of Edwin  
and Clarence Moritt who are leaving  
school, and expect to go to New  
Jersey.

De Vere Wolcott has returned  
to school after several weeks absence  
due to an injury received while riding  
horseback.

Miss Meyer is again teaching  
after being absent a few days owing  
to illness.

Tardy marks in high school too  
high!!!

Matilda Collens is suffering from a  
broken arm.

#### Athletics.

The basket ball boys are working  
hard to form a fast team for the sea-  
sons of '24-'25. They are in hopes of  
a successful one, although they have  
a hard schedule to fill. Their first  
game will be with Roscommon here  
December 19th.

Also the boys and girls second  
teams will play Frederic here the  
same night.

Everyone out to the first High  
school games of the season.

The boys and girls second basket  
ball teams will play Frederic at  
Frederic Friday, Dec. 12th.

The H. S. "Bobbies" played the  
teachers last Friday evening, as a  
preliminary to the Mancelona-Gray-  
ling game.

The teachers looked as though they  
would be victorious at the end of the  
first quarter, the score being 6 to 0,  
but the "Bobbies" began to show  
their ability of playing in the next  
three quarters and when the game  
ended, the score had decidedly chan-  
ged to 31-8 in the "Bobbies" favor.

#### GET RID OF THAT BACKACHE!

Grayling People Point the Way

The constant aching of a bad back,  
The weariness, the tired feeling,  
Headaches, dizziness, nervousness,  
Distressing urinary disorders—  
Are often signs of failing kidneys  
and too serious to be neglected.  
Get rid of those troubles!

Use Doan's Pills—a stimulant diure-  
tic to the kidneys.

Hosts of people recommended Doan's  
This is a Grayling case.

You can verify it.

N. W. Colbath, prop. confectionery,  
Michigan Ave., residence Norway St.,  
says: "I had backache and as time  
passed, my feet and limbs swelled  
until they were all out of shape.  
This made it mighty hard for me to  
get around. Puffy sacs came under-  
neath my eyes and I began to suffer  
with dizzy spells, when little specks  
came before my eyes. My kidneys  
acted irregularly and the secretions  
contained sediment. After using  
three boxes of Doan's Pills from  
Lewis' Drug store, I was cured."

60c. at all dealers, Foster-Milburn  
Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.



## House Slippers for Xmas at Olson's

We have a very fine assortment of House Slippers  
for the whole family consisting of 14 different  
colors and made up in Felt, Leather and Quilted  
Satin. Buy them early while the stock is  
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We also have men's and children's Slippers of  
every description.

### Men's fine Hose for Xmas

We have a complete line of men's fine hose con-  
sisting of silk, silk and wool mixtures, drop  
stitched and plain, also heavy wool hose.

### 4-Buckle Arctics for the entire family

The finest and best wearing line of women's and  
childrens footwear in the city is found at Olson's.

For Men's Dress Shoes we carry the famous  
Edmond Foot-Fitters and Mayer Homor-bills  
and Dry-Sox Shoes along with a complete line  
of solid leather Central Shoes.

Come in and compare prices and quality.

## Olson's Shoe Store

"Headquarters  
for Better Shoes for Less."

## Locals

### READ THE AVALANCHE.

Johannes Jorgenson and family  
are enjoying a new Dodge sedan.

Mrs. Charles Coyle left Tuesday for  
Saginaw to spend a few days with  
friends.

Mrs. David Malafant and Mrs.  
Paul Sivrais were in Roscommon Sat-  
urday on business.

Leo Schram has purchased the Mrs.  
Martha A. McMaster cottage in Oak  
Hill Park at Lake Margrethe.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Smith were  
called to Twinning Tuesday owing to  
the illness of the latter's father.

Mrs. George Burke returned Sat-  
urday from Detroit where she has  
been spending a week on business.

C. J. Hathaway Optometrist of  
Pontiac will be in Grayling Dec. 29 &  
30, to look after his optical practice.  
12-11-3

American Legion basket ball team  
trimmed Frederic Cardinals on the  
latter's floor Tuesday night to the  
score of 54-26.

Special Week End Brick Ice Cream  
arrives every Friday. Try one and  
see how much better it is after kept in  
our electric cooler.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Howse of  
Maple Forest had as their guests last  
Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Parsons  
and Mr. Louis Delaire, at dinner.

Census bureau statistian snow that  
the American people in 1923 spent  
over \$1,000 a minute, or \$1,700,000 a  
day, for candy and ice cream.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Herman Baughn  
returned home Tuesday afternoon  
from Detroit where Mrs. Baughn has  
been receiving medical treatment.

Lorne J. Douglas, a former Gray-  
ling boy has been honored by being  
elected master of Ancient Marks  
 Lodge No. 303, F. & A. M. of Sag-  
inaw.

The children of St. Mary's church  
are busy practicing on a program,  
which will be given during the yule-  
tide at a Christmas tree to be given  
for the children.

Mr. and Mrs. Holger Peterson and  
son John Henry and Mrs. Peterson's  
mother Mrs. Heany spent the week  
end visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. E.  
Herron at Lansing.

Miss Viva Hoelsi entertained sev-  
eral girls. In honor of her birthday  
anniversary games and contests were  
the chief entertainment after which  
a delicious lunch was served.

There will be the regular services  
at Michelson Memorial church next  
Sunday December 14. Morning  
service at 10:30 a. m.; evening ser-  
vice at 7:00 p. m. Young people's  
service at 6:00 p. m.

Miss Ireta LaSalle, teacher of music  
and drawing in the Grayling schools,  
submitted to an operation for appen-  
dicitis at Grayling Mercy hospital  
Tuesday morning. She is reported to  
be getting along nicely.

Clarence Mortenson of Flint, Son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mortenson of  
Rever Creek township, was the holder  
of the lucky ticket that won a  
Flint-Six auto that was given away  
by a gas station in that city, last  
week.

Mrs. Anthony Trudeau entertained  
twelve ladies at 7:00 p. m. at her  
home Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. A.  
Trudeau and Mrs. Max Landsberg were  
the winners of prizes. A very nice  
lunch was served by the hostess.

Parker Duofold Pens and the Big  
Bro large pencil as well as the smaller  
sizes. Get your pick before the  
stock is depleted.

#### Central Drug Store.

The weather reports threatened  
Northern Michigan this week with  
snow gales and severely cold weather.  
Thus far we have had neither.  
Today there isn't enough snow to  
run a hand sled, and the sun is shin-  
ing and the air is crisp and clear and  
far from being cold.

## Compare the PRICE!

—of the New Studebaker with  
that of other necessities of life.

Studebaker per lb. 40c

Butter " " 50c

Tea " " 90c

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